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# HISTORY OF FULTON COUNTY.

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**P**RIOR to the incoming of the white men the region now marked by the limits of Fulton county was inhabited by the Pottawatomies, who relinquished their rights to the territory by treaties with the general government. The first of these treaties was made in 1826; the second in 1832; the third and last in 1837. In 1839 nearly all red men had removed from the region.

Aubbeenaubbee was perhaps the most noted chief of the Pottawatomies. He continued at the head of his tribe until his death, which he met in 1837, at the hands of his son, in a drunken row.

By the above named treaty of 1832 he was granted a reservation, since known by his name, in Marshall and Fulton counties, embracing an area about equal to a congressional township, the portion in Fulton comprising considerable proportion of what is now Aubbeenaubbee and Richland townships. The principal village of this eccentric chief was in the northern part of Fulton county, and here he met his violent death. He occupied a conspicuous position in the making of treaties between his people and the government, and was a brave and determined leader.

In the treaty of 1826, above named, provision was made for the opening of a road, 100 feet wide, extending from Lake Michigan to the Ohio river, and a section of land for every mile of the road was granted for the construction of the thoroughfare.

The original survey for this road was made in 1828, and this is the earliest history we have of the white man invading the wild precincts of the Pottawatomies, who wigwammed on the banks of lake Manitou and the Tippecanoe river.

According to an act of the general assembly of Indiana, approved Feb. 4, 1831, William Polke, of Knox county, was appointed sole commissioner to complete the selecting, surveying, marking and numbering of the lands granted for the construction of the above named thoroughfare, since known as the Michigan road.

For greater convenience in managing the affairs of the road, Mr. Polke settled in what is now Fulton county, locating on the south bank of the Tippecanoe river, where the road crosses it. Here he erected a log cabin, into which he moved in the fall of 1831, with his family, then consisting of himself, three daughters and two sons.



The settlement of Mr. Polke marked the dawn of civilization in Fulton county.

About the same time other settlers located in the vicinity of Rochester. Among them were James Elliott and William J. Shields, who came together from Jennings county. Along with them came the venerable Jesse Shields, then a lad. Of him mention is made elsewhere in this volume.

Among the names of some of the very first settlers of Fulton county the following occur:

William Polke,	Widow Shepherd,
James Elliott,	Robert Wiley,
William J. Shields,	William A. Hail,
Alexander Chamberlain,	Michael Shore,
Georgé Caldwell,	H. Cowen,
Thomas Martin,	Alfred Meton,
M. H. Venard,	William Whittenberger,
John Wood,	Henry Hoover,
George Bozarth,	John Troutman.
Stephen Cherney,	B. C. Wilson, and others.

Between the years 1830 and 1835 settlers came into the county very rapidly. They gave such evidence of hardihood that the organization of the region under independent jurisdiction as a county appeared advisable early in the year 1835.

**ORGANIZATION OF THE COUNTY:** A petition was prepared, circulated, numerously signed by the settlers, and presented to the legislature, asking the enactment of a charter authorizing the inhabitants of the territory described to assume and exercise the rights common to the people of other counties in the state. Feb. 7, 1835, an act was approved, prescribing and defining territorial boundaries; and at the session of the general assembly of 1835-36, there was passed an act "to organize the county of Fulton." The act received the approval of the governor Jan. 23, 1836. The first section of the act named the first of April, 1836, as the date after which the county of Fulton should enjoy all rights and jurisdictions which to separate and individual counties do or may properly belong.

On the second Monday in June, 1836, upon the meeting of the commissioners, appointed by the legislature to examine the proposed eligible sites for the seat of justice of Fulton county, said commissioners agreed and fixed the seat at Rochester, and reported their conclusions to the board of county commissioners, then in special session, and their report was duly recorded July 22, 1836.

**PRINCIPAL TOWNS:** Rochester, Kewanna and Akron are the principal towns of Fulton county. Rochester is located 100 miles east of Chicago and 100 miles north of Indianapolis, at the intersection of the Chicago & Erie and Lake Erie & Western railroads. One-half mile southeast lies Manitou lake, and two miles north the beautiful Tippecanoe river traces its winding course.





The original plat of the town was surveyed in 1835, and in 1836 Rochester was made the county seat of Fulton. The town was incorporated in 1853, and has since steadily grown until at the present time it has a population of over 4,000.

The city has a gently rolling surface and broad streets, abundantly shaded with forest maples. It is provided with water-works and electric light plants; three hotels, three banks, two grain elevators, two express agencies, two pipe lines (direct from the oil fields of Ohio, running through the corporation), one opera house, eight organized churches, sixteen lodges, two fine public school buildings, and a splendid college known as the Rochester Normal university, recently established entirely by local enterprise.

The following are the industries of the town: Three wagon and carriage factories; four produce packing houses; three cigar factories; two planing-mills; Rochester Bridge company; steam laundry; one foundry and machine shop; one shoe factory; one flour mill; one novelty works; handle factory and brick kiln. In these several industries are employed about 350 laborers.

Rochester has two weekly newspapers and one daily paper, namely, the Weekly Sentinel, Weekly Republican, and Daily Republican.

The town of Kewanna was laid out in June, 1845, by Eli A. and John Troutman. The town was platted under the name of "Pleasant Grove," while the postoffice was known as Kewanna.

Shortly after the town was laid out William Spencer opened a small stock of groceries, but the first stock of general merchandise was opened by Aldrich & Tygart, of Logansport, Mr. Tygart managing the store in person.

Kewanna is a beautiful town, and has had a steady growth, and now ranks as the second town in the county. It has a population of nearly 1,000. It is located on the Vandalia railroad, about twenty miles north of Logansport, and is surrounded by a fine agricultural district. It is a good business town, having several large and well stocked stores. There are three banks; one elevator and flour-mill; one planing-mill; one produce packing house, one pickle and salting house; one newspaper, the Herald; three organized churches; one fine school building; one good hotel.

In 1838, Dr. Joseph Sippy and Hiram Welton laid out a town in section 24, Henry township, and gave it the name of Newark. A postoffice was established at the residence of A. T. Welton, about a mile west of the village. Subsequently the postoffice was moved into the village. The name Akron, which was the name of the original postoffice, was substituted for Newark. The place has continued to prosper and is now a thriving, busy town of about 800 people. One newspaper, the News, is published there; there is one bank, two hotels, one flour-mill, two elevators, and one saw-mill. The town is situated on the Chicago & Erie railroad, and draws its trade from a



fertile agricultural section. Church and education have not been neglected, and the town forms a pleasant place in which to live.

**WAR HISTORY.**—The people of Fulton county from pioneer days to the present have been law-abiding citizens. Aside from the experiences common to pioneer life, guarding themselves and their families from the depredations of their Indian neighbors at a time when the situation of affairs among the natives made armed vigilance a virtue—a duty—the peace-loving citizens of the county have seldom had cause to take up arms for the common defense.

The Black Hawk war of 1832 came at a time when few settlers were domiciled here, and they had little to arouse military spirit.

When war against Mexico was declared, representatives of the then sparsely populated county enrolled themselves and went forth to do battle against a foreign foe. The names of those who thus enrolled and did service have not been preserved, and therefore their names and records cannot be given, however worthy the persons or honorable their record.

The war of the rebellion fully aroused the military spirit of the county, and to the call for volunteers to enlist in the army of the Union, Fulton county quickly responded, and her sons went forth to aid the nation in the hour of its peril, nobly discharging the duty imposed by their obligations to their common country, and the purpose to maintain the supremacy of the laws.

The first enlistments made in this county were in July and the early part of August, 1861, the volunteers thus enrolling themselves being subsequently mustered into service as Company A, of the Twenty-sixth Regiment. This company, upon being organized, was placed under the command of Capt. Milton L. Minor, subordinate officers, nearly all from this county.

The following is the roster of Company A, as it appears in the report of the adjutant general: Captain—Milton L. Minor; Percival G. Kelsey, David Rader, Archibald H. McDonald. First lieutenant—Percival G. Kelsey, David Rader, Alex. H. McDonald, Henry H. Carter, Joseph H. Weit.

Second Lieutenant—David Rader, Archibald H. McDonald, Henry H. Carter, Joseph L. Atkinson.

First Sergeant—Archibald H. McDonald.

Sergeants—Lemuel Coplen, Philip Fenters.

Corporals—George Griffin, J. L. Atkinson, William J. Cannon, John A. Barnett, Marion Clemens, Granville G. Long.

Musician—Henry Hazen.

Privates—Michael Barnett, William Baker, James Burnes, Isaac H. Barrett, Henry Binnaman, James Bibler, Greenup T. Cannon, Charles Carter, Tortellus Collins, David Craft, Lorenzo M. Carver, Andrew J. Daugherty, Andrew J. Dixon, Wesley Fowler, Thomas J. Hurst, John Keel, Jonathan Nichols, Amos Osman, Hazard Ralstin, Thomas R. Riley, Henry B. Scott, Franklin Sell, John F.



Sherman, Joseph Slick, John Smalley, David Stayton, Spencer Strong, William H. Strong, Carson Swisher, Darius Troutman, Orlando Troutman, Joseph Wikel, Jonathan Wheatley, Charles C. Wheeldon, George W. Wilcox, Thomas Woods, Jacob Young, John Zartman, David Zartman.

Recruits—Cyrus Anderson, John Ankerman, Calvin Ball, John H. Ball, David L. Barrett, William T. Barrett, Abraham Blausar, David Bryant, George A. Burkhardt, John W. Burkhardt, Isaac Berlien, Alfred B. Carter, James A. Carter, James M. Carter, Joseph Carter, Marion Clemens, John W. Coon, David Daugherty, George W. Ernst, Philip B. Fenters, George S. Hazen, Harrison H. Heater, Stephen A. Hurst, Royal Kniss, Andrew J. McClannahan, William Murphy, John Rouch, Silas Rouch, Franklin D. Scott, David Secor, Ebenezer Sutton, Hiram Troutman.

The regiment was organized and mustered into service at Indianapolis, Aug. 31, 1861, with William M. Wheatley as colonel, and was honorably discharged at Indianapolis, Sept. 18, 1865. The regiment went into active service in Missouri; participated in the memorable campaign of Gen. Fremont; later, participated in the battles of Newtonia, Mo., Prairie Grove and Van Buren, Ark.; and June 1, 1863, joined the army under Gen. Grant, in the rear of Vicksburg, remaining there until the surrender of that place, on the 4th of July following. The regiment was engaged in the battle of Camp Sterling, near Morganza, Sept. 29, and suffered a defeat, losing nearly one-half of its officers and men, mostly by capture. The prisoners were taken to Tyler, Tex., and held for several months; and January 1, 1864, the regiment re-enlisted, then enjoyed a veteran furlough of one month at home, returning to the field in Louisiana, June 1. In the spring of 1865 it participated in the campaign against Mobile, and herewith ended its service.

The next company raised in Fulton county was Company D, of the Twenty-ninth Regiment, and was composed almost entirely of volunteers, mustered into active service, in August and September, 1861. The officers and privates of this company belonging to Fulton county, were the following:

Captain—Joseph P. Collins, Jethro New, McCaslin Moore, Jonathan F. Sanford.

First Lieutenant—Fredus Ryland, Jethro New, Alpheus Dunlap, Jonathan F. Sanford, George W. Burch.

Second Lieutenant—Jethro New, McCaslin Moore, Jonathan F. Sanford, George W. Burch.

First Sergeant—McCaslin Moore.

Sergeants—Andrew C. Shepherd, John H. Geller, Alpheus Dunlap.

Corporals—Ellison A. Smith, Byron W. Worden, William T. Baker, James H. Dunlap, Oliver S. Carpenter, Alexander Young.

Musician—Darius Ault.



Privates—James Abbott, James Baker, William S. Bidwell, John O. Burton, Park H. Collins, James S. Collins, Benjamin Fairchilds, Franklin C. Hamlet, Thomas M. Hamlet, Joseph Herrin, William H. Herrill, Jabez Izzard, Job W. Johnson, John J. Kaler, Sylvester Kennedy, Love Smith, John H. Mackey, John McConnehey, John McMillen, Isham R. New, John Oakman, Jeremiah L. Ormsby, Thomas Pyne, David W. Rhodes, Jacob Robbins, George W. Sherwood, Jasper H. Shore, Jeremiah Smith, Jesse R. Smith, John Smith, Charles Worden.

Recruits—Francis Bell.

The Twenty-ninth Regiment was organized at La Porte, with John F. Miller, colonel, and its first assignment to duty was with the command of Gen. Rousseau, at Camp Nevin, Ky., whence it moved to the vicinity of Munfordsville, where it remained until the movement on Bowling Green, in February, 1862. The regiment participated in the battle of Shiloh, where it lost severely in killed and wounded; aided in the evacuation of Corinth; moved with Buell's army through Northern Alabama and Tennessee into Kentucky; followed in pursuit of Bragg through the latter state; returned to Nashville; with Gen. Rosecrans' army marched toward Murfreesboro; took part in battle of Stone river; followed the fortunes of Gen. Rosecrans' army during 1863; participated in battle of Chickamauga; afterward stationed at Bridgeport, Ala., where the regiment was re-enlisted and veteranized Jan. 1, 1864, and given a veteran furlough of one month. The regiment returning then to the field, was stationed at Chattanooga till December, 1864; afterward skirmished at Decatur, Ala., and Dalton, Ga., and during the remaining service was on post duty in the vicinity of Marietta, Ga.

In the summer of 1862 the recruiting service was quite active in Fulton county, and as a result of that activity, enlistments amounting in the aggregate to the major part of three companies, which, upon being fully organized, officered and mustered in, were severally designated as Companies D, E and F, of the Eighty-seventh Regiment, which was organized at South Bend, Aug. 28, 1862, and mustered into service at Indianapolis three days later for a term of three years, with Kline G. Shryock as colonel.

The officers and privates of this regiment, credited to Fulton county, were the following:

Regimental Officers—Kline G. Shryock, colonel; Fredus Ryland, adjutant; Robert N. Rannells and Jerome Carpenter, quartermaster; Vernon Gould, assistant surgeon.

Company D officers were: Captain—William H. Wood, Lewis Hughes, John W. Elam; first lieutenant, Lewis Hughes; second lieutenant, Mark C. McAfee, John W. Elam, Lewis M. Spotts; first sergeant, John W. Elam; sergeants, Benj. F. Brown, John J. Oliver, Lewis M. Spotts, John L. Newby; corporals, Alex. M. K. Huling, Luther Stradley, Philip Gunkle, William Frazier, James Graham,





Henry Spohn, Andrew T. Bitters, William Sheaffer; musicians, Alfred Horack, Lafayette Smith; wagoner, Joseph A. Collins.

Company D privates were: Isaiah Adamson, Aaron M. Bell, George W. Ball, John W. Biggs, Jasper W. Bozarth, William Brocaw, John W. Brock, Lorenzo Burch, Robert E. Chestnut, John D. Clarke, Harvey Clemens, Daniel S. Cole, William Cole, Anderson Carr, Dennis Cuberly, Israel Daggett, William Daugherty, Joseph Day, Israel Dwiggin, William Ewer, John W. Gallion, Elan Galttry, James Gould, Christopher Gould, Noah Goudy, Milton Hall, Chichester Holder, Robert C. Holder, Andrew Hatter, George Kibler, John Kelley, Absalom Macy, Horace Markey, Benj. Miller, Henry H. Moore, David Moore, David Monshour, Thomas J. New, William Oliver, David C. Oliver, John Oren, James Oren, James B. Osborne, Abel O'Blennis, William B. Packard, Charles M. Pearson, William H. Polke, George H. Pownell, Benj. F. Porter, James Quiggs, George W. Raestin, Christian Rice, John Reschke, John Roney, John Robbins, Charles M. Ross, Frederick Rowe, Levi Sherow, David C. Shelton, William H. H. Shields, Rufus A. Shores, Oracle Shores, F. M. Smith, J. M. Smith, Abraham Steffy, Eli Strong, John Stull, Jacob Vantrump, John F. Whittenberger, George Whittenberger, Cline S. Wilson, John B. Wright, George W. Wright, Jacob Wright, William H. Wright, Henry York; and Lewis Bootz was a recruit.

Officers of Company E were: Captain, Alfred T. Jackson, Peter S. Troutman; first lieutenant, Peter S. Troutman, Hamilton McAfee; second lieutenant, Hamilton McAfee, Joseph Slick, Franklin H. Bennett, Henry W. Hoover; musician, William Halstead; wagoner, James H. Troutman.

Privates of Company E were: Philip Anderson, William S. Barnett, Judson Bennett, John R. Blasser, Edwin R. Boyer, Daniel Bruce, John N. Carter, John W. Carter, Isaac H. Cannon, Joel H. Davis, William R. Davis, Jacob Dipert, Samuel Dipert, William Dixon, Andrew Dukes, Simon Fall, John W. Ferrall, Henry C. Green, Moses Heckert, John Heckert, Daniel Herald, Alfred Hizer, Robert Holliday, Elias V. Hudkins, Henry L. Hudkins, John Hysong, Bailey N. Jeffries, Zephaniah Jones, George W. Kaler, George H. Kiplinger, Henry Lebo, William H. Miller, William H. Mohler, Alex. E. Mohler, William Myers, John Myers, Philip Obermayer, Jonas Powell, Emanuel M. Rans, William Rans, Hiram Rairick, Henry Rairick, Daniel M. Rogers, Henry S. Ross, George Rouch, Allen N. Rush, John W. Rush, George W. Singer, Carrington G. Slight, Orlen Smith, Robert Smith, Aaron Smith, Austin B. Smith, John R. Smith, Gaten Smith, George P. Smith, Jacob Snyder, Walter F. Soper, Adam Spotts, William H. Spotts, James W. Thomas, Robert Tribett, James T. Troutman, John H. Vandever, Ephraim Warrick,



John E. Williams, Randolph Williams, Ransom T. Williams, Peter Witmer.

Recruits were: Alber G. Aitken, John Anderson, William J. Ball, Theodore Baker, Nathan Bibler, Alexander Cooper, Joseph Cannon, Daniel Cannon, Allen Collins, Eli M. Detrick, William D. Dukes, James E. Harvey, James Hurst, Abraham Hoover, James M. Kilmer, George W. Kaler, Hiram McCumber, John G. Minton, Jared Pugh, Francis M. Smith, Jordan R. Smith, Philip Ware, Thomas Wilson.

Officers of Company F were: Captain—Asa K. Plank, George W. Truslow, Horace C. Long.

First Lieutenant—George W. Truslow, David Mow, Horace C. Long, Jacob H. Leiter.

Second Lieutenant—David Mow, Horace C. Long, Jacob H. Leiter, Jonas Myers.

First Sergeant—Horace C. Long.

Sergeants—Jacob H. Leiter, Joseph W. Beeber, Albert G. Pugh.

Corporals—Benj. B. Patton, Silas C. Jewell, Jasper W. Squires, Jewell Califf, James H. League, Banner Lawhead, William H. Storm.

Musicians—James S. Ellis, Isaac S. Townsend.

Wagoner—James N. Wilson.

Privates of Company F were: William H. Alleman, Peter B. Apt, William Apt, James J. Babcock, Daniel Barnhart, Thomas Barnhart, James Barrett, Asa E. Batchelor, Samuel A. Berrier, Stanford Beverly, Samuel P. Berry, George C. Capp, John E. Cates, Hamlin Carpenter, Edward B. Chinn, Johnathan Clay, Clement W. Clay, John Crain, John N. Dunlap, Franklin Drake, William R. Farry, Simeon J. Frear, James T. Geainer, Alfred L. Goodrick, Peter Gripp, Frederick Gylam, Henry Hatfield, L. H. Heikman, C. S. Heikman, Peter Hoffman, John House, William Hunter, Levi Jenkins, George W. Kessler, Simeon Kessler, George Kessler, John Kessler, Jacob Leise, Joseph A. Love, George Loomis, Jessie L. Martindale, Shannon Mackey, Robert McAlexander, James L. McMahan, Austin W. McFall, Benj. McKelfresh, Lewis D. Middleton, Hiram Mickey, John O. Mou, James E. Mou, Jonas Myers, Henry Paschall, William Pence, William Pentz, Henry Platt, John Realstin, John M. Reid, Otho N. Rhodes, John Roth, Jonathan H. Robbins, Harper Rodgers, Andrew J. Rugh, Adam Rimenschneider, Edward Short, Joseph J. Smith, James W. Squires, Benj. F. Smith, Madison Stoops, Dennis R. Smith, Harrison Stotler, Jacob M. Stahl, William H. Swartz, Joseph B. Taylor, George Toothman, Jasper True, Harrison Walker, Isaiah D. Webb, Samuel M. White, Elias Zolman.

The recruits of Company F were Frederick Apt, John B. Anderson, Alfred S. Baker, L. E. Berry, Augustus Branciller, James W. Braman, John Cripe, Thomas Carter, Joseph S. Collins, Palmer



Collins, William D. Corey, James R. Deweese, Lewis Davis, Ratcliff B. Evans, Benj. F. Evans, Michael Henry, William Irvin, George O. Miller, William McCarter, Theodore Moore, James Richardson, John S. Rhodes, Benj. F. Ross, Asa Robinson, Robert D. Sheepman, Willard Stringham, Russell Toothman, John Walts, Andrew E. Wallace, John F. Walters, Henry Walters, Seymour Wertz, Daniel Young. William C. Prince and Amos M. Prince were privates of Company G.

The Eighty-seventh Regiment did gallant and effective service. At first it was assigned to Gen. Burbridge's brigade, but one month later it was transferred to the Third brigade, Third division of the Fourth Army corps, and took part in Gen. Buell's campaign through Kentucky.

In 1863 it engaged with the Army of the Cumberland, in the campaign against Tullahoma; and in the campaign against Chattanooga, bearing conspicuous part in the battle of Chattanooga. Upon the re-organization of the Army of the Cumberland, it formed a part of the Second brigade, Third division of the Fourteenth Army corps. The regiment participated in the storming of Mission Ridge, Nov. 25, 1863; also in the Atlanta campaign. Moving with the corps from Atlanta it participated in a series of campaigns through Georgia and Alabama. Reaching Louisville, Nov. 28, rested there until the 1st of December and then it moved toward Jacksonboro, afterward participating in the siege of Savannah, and upon the evacuation of the place, occupied the city until Jan. 30, 1865. Thence marching through the Carolinas, captured Smithfield, and moved forward toward Washington city, to take part in the grand review of Sherman's army. Finally it was mustered out of service June 10, 1865.

On the evening of July 8, 1863, news was received at Indianapolis that a rebel force under Gen. John H. Morgan, estimated at 6,000 cavalry, had crossed the Ohio river and was then on a raiding expedition through Indiana. Gov. Morton immediately issued a call, and within forty-eight hours afterward 65,000 men had tendered their services. Of this force, thirteen regiments and one battalion were formed to meet the emergency. These regiments were numbered from 102 to 114, inclusive, and the battalion assigned to duty with the One Hundred and Seventh Regiment. Of the One Hundred and Fifth Regiment of this force, Kline G. Shryock, of Rochester, was placed in command as colonel. These several regiments remained on duty as "minute men" until after the escape of Morgan into Ohio. The One Hundred and Fifth was mustered out on the 18th of July, at Indianapolis.

Under the call of Dec. 20, 1864, for eleven regiments to serve for one year, the One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Regiment, composed of companies recruited in the Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh Congressional districts, was organized at Indianapolis on the 18th of



April, 1865, with John M. Wilson, of Peru, as colonel. Of this regiment, Fulton county furnished Company A, and a portion of Company G. The roster of these companies is as follows:

Regimental Officer—Emanuel Pegann, surgeon.

### COMPANY A.

Captain—Robert M. Shields.

First Lieutenant—John A. Barrett

Second Lieutenant—Samuel A. Barkdol.

Privates—Charles Adams, Archibald Anderson, William S. Alexander, Robert N. Beries, Jacob W. A. Bender, John A. Barnett, Michael I. Barnett, Benjamin F. Bear, Jacob Beck, A. Barkdell, Francis M. Bundy, Abraham B. Blasser, Jefferson Baily, Jacob Barrett, Thomas S. Brown, John V. Brown, John Baker, Thos. A. Bell, James J. Braman, Lafayette M. Byram, James M. Calvert, George Craig, Benjamin F. Craig, Jacob Collindern, Albert Case, Onesimus Case, Gustavus Collins, Jesse H. Coon, Chancy Copeland, James H. Clayton, David N. Dague, James Dimitt, Marion Finley, Nathan Finley, Charles S. Fifield, Gardner Fifield, Benjamin Green, James Gandy, William Hoover, William H. Hoffly, Samuel D. Halsted, Hiram Henderson, John Hissing, Frederick Muffman, Augustus Hulburt, James H. Hill, Henry C. Herald, Archibald Hudkins, Jonathan A. Horn, James M. Horn, William Ice, Nathan Julian, Zephaniah Jones, John Kulp, Jared A. Keen, David Kamp, Joseph Knofflouch, Joseph Kets, William L. Kessler, Lazarus S. Lurey, John S. Miller, Gabriel Miller, Silas V. Miller, William V. Moore, Reuben V. Minton, Joseph C. Mow, John Millings, Orlando McNobb, James A. McClung, Henry McMillen, Samuel L. McCartee, George N. McLaughlin, Samuel L. Norris, Samuel Nicklow, George D. Overly, Jonah Powell, John Phillips, Jasper Porter, Adolphus Parker, Joseph Rhodes, Benjamin H. Rush, James Robbins, William Robinson, William Schively, George W. Shawley, Benjamin Snider, Hiram Seffes, Jacob M. Stahl, John Sanns, Samuel C. Smally, Walter S. Sinks, Silas M. Stroup, Albert D. Stubb, Grh'ndy T. Teglantro'rt, John Walmer, Henry Walmer, Henry C. Ward, John W. Weaver, Henry Wyrick, John A. Waddel.

### COMPANY G.

Captain—George P. Anderson.

First Lieutenant—George P. Anderson, Joseph Slick.

Second Lieutenant—Joseph Slick.

Privates—George P. Anderson, George W. Bozarth, Thomas W. Batson, John H. Brokaw, Charles W. Brokaw, Lucius Bealls, William Baker, Francis J. Bruillette, James F. Collins, Joseph A. Carter, Charles W. Cherry, James W. Duff, Thomas Davis, Francis M. Ernsperger, Henry Hatfield, Daniel Hann, John Henderson,





James Hogan, Samuel H. Hood, Abram Kessler, William L. Koon, Jesse B. Middleton, Thomas Norman, Ebenezer C. Olden, Edward Sanders, Joseph Slick, Levi P. Starr, Frederick Sturken, William Windbegler, Cornelius Welsh, Samuel D. Wood, Jonathan P. Willard, Amos Zolman.

"On the 26th of April the regiment left for Washington, and upon its arrival there it was sent to Alexandria and assigned to the provisional brigade of the Third division of the Ninth Army corps. On the 3d of May, it was transferred to Dover, Del., at which place companies were detached and sent to Centerville, and Wilmington, Del., and Salisbury, Md. On the return to the regiment of two of these companies, a railroad accident occurred by which a number were severely injured. The regiment being brought together was, on the 4th of August, 1865, mustered out at Dover, Del. Arriving at Indianapolis on the 10th, with thirty-two officers and 800 men, for final discharge, it was publicly welcomed home at a reception meeting held in the State House grove, at which addresses were made by Lieut. Gov. Baker, Gen. Benjamin Harrison and others."

**BENCH AND BAR.**—Upon the organization of Fulton county, it was made a part of the Eighth Judicial circuit of the state, of which Hon. Samuel C. Sample was president judge.

The first session of the Fulton county circuit court, as prescribed in the act of organization, was convened at the residence of Ebenezer Ward, in Rochester, on the 27th day of October, 1836. The court, however, immediately adjourned from the residence of said Ward, by proclamation to convene instantler at the house of Robert Martin, in Rochester. At this session Hon. Samuel C. Sample was president judge, and John Robbins and Anthony Martin, Esqs., were the associate judges. Lot N. Bozarth was clerk and John Davidson sheriff.

On motion, Gustavus A. Evarts and Joseph L. Jernegan, Esqs., were admitted to practice as attorneys and councellors at law at the bar of the court, and were sworn in accordingly.

A scrawl seal was devised and adopted for the court until a proper seal should be obtained. On the second day of the term, Joseph L. Jernegan, circuit prosecutor, failed to appear, and Gustavus A. Evarts was appointed prosecutor, pro tem., to act as such during the balance of the term, and was sworn in as such. William Polke was appointed, by the court, county surveyor for Fulton county, for a term of three years thereafter.

The second term of Fulton county circuit court was convened March 6. 1837, at the residence of Robert Martin, with the same officers. The attorneys present and having business were Isaac Naylor, John W. Wright, George W. Blakemore, John B. Niles, and William Z. Stuart.

At a term of the court in session on the 5th day of September, 1837, the court devised and adopted a seal, on which were the words;



"Indiana, Fulton County Circuit Court," and in the center of the seal, a female figure, standing, holding in one hand a sword, and suspending, in the other, the scales of justice.

Hon. John W. Wright, of Logansport, succeeded Judge Sample, and served as president judge of the circuit court from the April term, 1842, to the September term, 1846. He was succeeded by Hon. Horace P. Biddle, of Logansport, who held the position seven years, from Jan. 9, 1847, by commission, but in consequence of his resignation before the end of that period, he served only until 1852. Hon. H. Milroy, of Delphi, served until the May term, 1853, and was succeeded by Hon. Thomas S. Stanfield, at the August term of the same year.

Prior to the change in the state constitution, in 1853, there were two associate judges, for each county, who occupied the bench of the circuit court, with the president judge, and in his absence directed the business of the court. The following are the names of those who served as associate judges in Fulton county: John Robbins, Anthony Martin, Jonathan Beeber, James McColm, Ebenezer Ward, James Moore, Frederick Ault, John Ball and James Burrows.

At the time of the change in the state constitution, Hon. Thomas S. Stanfield was president judge of the circuit court. He served until 1858. Since then the judges of this court have been as follows: Andrew L. Osborne, 1858-71; Thomas S. Stanfield, 1871-73; Elisha V. Long, 1873-75; Horace Corbin, 1875-76; Sidney Keith, 1876-82; Jacob S. Slick, 1882-83; William B. Hess, 1883-84; Isaiah Conner, 1884-90; A. C. Capron, 1894-96.

The first session of the probate court of Fulton county was convened at the residence of Robert Martin, in Rochester, May 8, 1837, with Hon. Joseph Robbins as judge. The probate court was continued in existence until 1853, when, by act of the legislature, its jurisdiction was transferred to a court of commons pleas. The judges, who, from time to time, occupied the bench of the probate court, during its existence, were Joseph Robbins, 1837-44; John J. Shryock, 1844-47; Anthony F. Smith, 1847-49; and James Babcock, 1849-53.

The first session of the court of common pleas of Fulton county was convened at the court house, April 4, 1853, with Hon. Hugh Miller as judge, and Anthony F. Smith clerk. During the existence of this court the following judges occupied the bench: Hugh Miller, 1853-57; Carter D. Hathaway, 1857-61; Kline G. Shryock, 1861-65; Thomas C. Whiteside, 1865-69; James H. Carpenter, 1869-73.

This court was abrogated in 1873, and its jurisdiction transferred to the circuit court.

Although the number of attorneys who have resided in Fulton county and practiced before its courts, has not been large, nevertheless, some of the ablest advocates in the state have been members of the bar of this county.



The complete list of those attorneys who have resided in the county cannot be ascertained. Those practicing law in the county at this date are as follows:

M. L. Essick, Milo R. Smith, Sidney Keith, Isaiah Conner, Enoch Myers, Julius Rowley, George W. Holman, Rome C. Stephenson, Harry Bernetha, M. A. Baker, John W. Smith, Henry Bibler, O. F. Montgomery, P. M. Buchanan, W. W. McMahan, C. K. Bitters, Frank H. Terry, A. D. Toner, Jr., F. L. Wagoner.

**MEDICAL HISTORY.**—The first physician to locate in Fulton county was John J. Shryock, a worthy and successful practitioner, who came here shortly after the first settlements were made, and continued in the county till his death in 1855.

The resident physicians in the county, in the early forties were Dr. Shryock, Henry W. Mann, Lyman Brackett, James W. Brackett, Thomas H. Howes, and at a later period A. H. Robbins, J. T. Goucher, A. Sutton, J. C. Spohn, Angus Brown and others.

Since then many others have practiced in the county, among whom have been the following: A. B. Surguy, A. M. Shields, A. C. Orr, W. Hill, V. Gould, C. Hector, W. S. Shafer, N. J. Clymer, C. J. Loring, E. P. Washburn, B. F. Overmyer, C. F. Harter, W. E. Hosman, J. M. Morris, and others.

There have been many able practitioners of medicine, who have from time to time resided in the county; and at this time the county is supplied with a competent corps of physicians. Unfortunately, there has never been maintained in the county, except for brief durations, a medical society of the practitioners, and for this reason no extended history of the profession can be here recorded.

**ELECTION AND REGISTER OF OFFICERS.**—To give tabulated returns of all elections held in Fulton county since the date of its organization, would be only to consume much space, and would be of no practical value, except to show which political party has from time to time controlled the balance of power; and as the county has long been recognized as democratic, with occasional variations, and as a list of the various officers, who have served the people of the county, is of particular interest, a register of officers, in the county, is given below:

Those who have represented the county in the state senate are as follows:

George W. Ewing, 1836-40; Williamson Wright, 1840-42; John D. Defrees, 1842-44; William G. Pomeroy, 1845-47; Norman Eddy, 1848-52; August P. Richardson, 1853-57; Hugh Miller, 1857-59; Rufus Brown, 1859-60; Daniel R. Bearss, 1861-63; Samuel S. Terry, 1865-67; Charles B. Lasselle, 1869-71; Milo R. Smith, 1873-75; Charles H. Reeves, 1875-80; William H. Davidson, 1881-84; V. Zimmerman, 1885-88; Perry O. Jones, 1889-92; Samuel Parker, 1893-96.



Fulton county has been represented in the house of representatives by the following gentlemen, who are named in the order of their elections, beginning with the year 1836: William N. Hood (served three terms), Alex. Wilson, William M. Reyburn, William Rannels, Amzi L. Wheeler, Joseph Robbins, William G. Pomeroy, Anthony F. Smith, James O. Parks, John J. Shryock, Enos S. Tuttle, Hugh Miller, William M. Patterson, (served two terms), D. Shoemaker (served two terms), Kline G. Shryock, A. H. Robbins, N. G. Shaffer, Stephen Davidson, Jesse Shields, Stephen Davidson (a second term), Edward Calkins, Peter S. Troutman, George W. Bearss, John F. Fromm, Dr. Samuel S. Terry, Simon Wheeler, Arthur C. Copeland, A. D. Toner, W. I. Howard, Sidney R. Moon (two terms), William W. McMahan, Charles J. Loring.

From the date of the organization of the county to the present time, the following have been elected to the office of clerk:

Lot N. Bozarth, Anthony F. Smith, Lot N. Bozarth, Joseph J. Davis, Robert Aitkin, Anthony F. Smith (appointed), Vernon Gould, Samuel Keely, William Newcomb, Isaiah Walker, E. T. Reed, M. O. Rees, James R. Shelton.

The following are those who have served as recorders of Fulton county:

Lot N. Bozarth, Anthony F. Smith, Sidney Keith, Alvin L. Robbins, Milo R. Smith, Chester Chamberlain, John L. Blanchard, F. C. Wilson, Holmes L. Tipton, and George K. Brundige.

Lot N. Bozarth, who served as first auditor of the county, was succeeded by Ebenezer Ward, and then Mr. Bozarth was elected to a second term. Since then the following have been elected to this office:

W. K. Logan, John Douglass, D. R. Pershing, Andrew J. Holmes, Daniel Agnew, Charles W. Caffyn, John C. Phillips, John A. Barnett, William H. Deniston, and John Kessler.

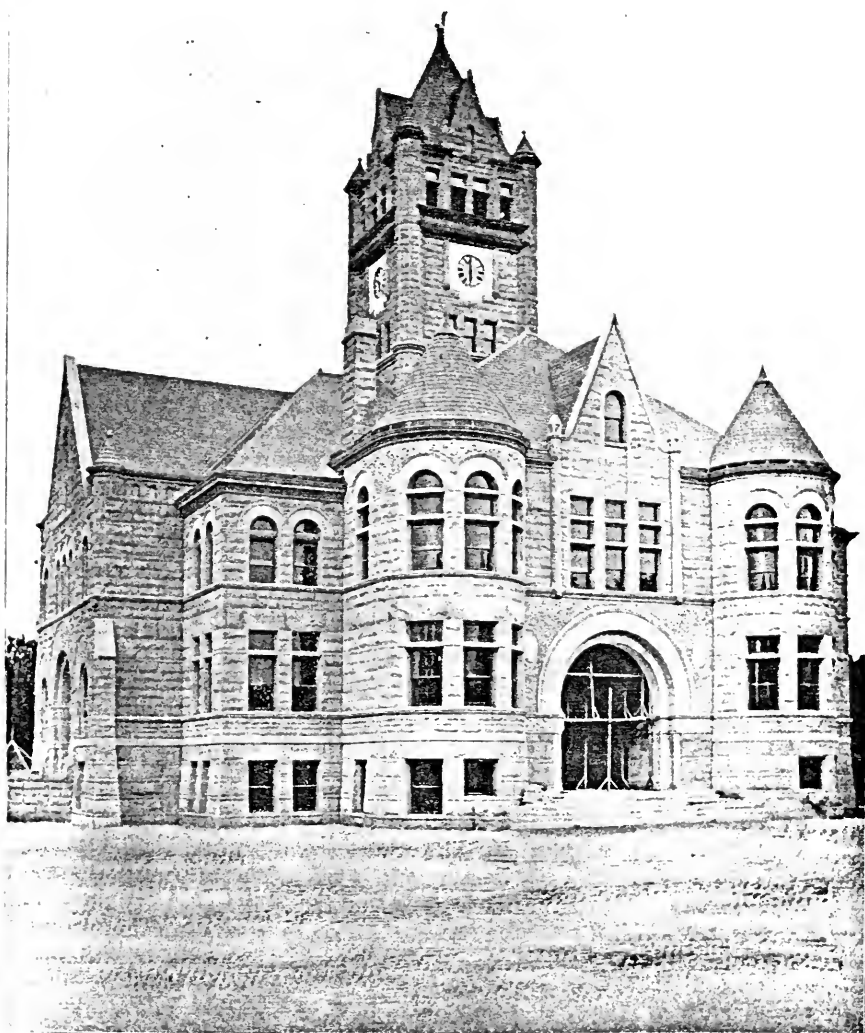
The treasurers of the county have been John Davidson, John B. Ward, Robert Martin, Eli Cliffert, Kline G. Shryock, Isaiah Hoover, Alvin L. Robbins, H. W. Mann, William Sturgeon, William P. Ball, A. V. House, John E. Cates, Absalom Nellans, William Potter, James Ware, F. H. Ditmire, Benjamin Bruce, John R. Barr, and John J. Kumler.

Benjamin C. Wilson was appointed the first sheriff of Fulton county, and since then the following have held that office in the order named: John Davidson, Anthony F. Smith, James P. Gregory, John Davidson, Gilbert Bozarth, Benj. C. Wilson, Hiram M. Porter, Abel Simmons, William Spencer, William Osgood, Isaac Good, John W. Davis, L. M. Montgomery, Sidney R. Moon, William A. Ward, William T. Butler, Robert C. Wallace, A. A. Gast, John King, F. A. Dillon.

The county surveyors have been as follows: William Polke, Henry Hoover, James S. Chapin, Hugh Miller, Jeremiah Gould,







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Hugh Bowman, L. L. Loveland, Hugh Bowman, Vernon Gould, Isaiah Walker, Silas Miller, Theodore B. Ferry, H. A. Barnhart, Frank K. Stinson, Peter J. Stingley, Lucius Gould.

Below are given the names of those who have served as county commissioners: Martin H. Venard, Samuel G. Sperry, Michael Shore, Andrew Oliver, Robert Holliday, Leander Chamberlain, Moses McElheny, Job Meredith, William Moore, John Robbins, John Shoup, Jacob Smith, William Spencer, Richard Coplin, William P. Ball, V. C. Conn, John McConnahey, William McMahan, B. A. Eidson, James Keeley, R. T. Beattie, Thomas Meredith, Isaac Puntious, Frederick Peterson, Peter C. Dumbauld, James Martin, Cyrus S. Graham, Thomas W. Barnett, John W. Black, George W. Carter, William McMahan, Martin Sturgeon, William Bryant, Edward McLochlin, C. Campbell, J. C. Hudkins, M. V. Coplin, J. R. New, Cyrus Bybee, Asa W. Deweese, C. H. Robbins, Nathaniel Dudgeon, Moses Barnett, Thomas F. Lovatt.

The following examiners and county superintendents of the public schools have served in the county since this office has been held by one incumbent: Hugh Miller, George W. Shilling, Rev. A. V. House, W. H. Green, Enoch Myers, William J. Williams, F. D. Haimbaugh, A. J. Dillon, David D. Ginther, George R. Fish.

**PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND FINANCES.**—But few counties in Indiana have better public buildings and other improvements than has Fulton county. The county has not only fine roads, substantial bridges and imposing public buildings, but also many fine homes and well improved farms.

Within one year from the time when the county government went into successful operation, the necessity for a building for judicial purposes became apparent. The first court house was completed in the fall of 1837, at a cost of \$750. It was a frame structure, 20x24 feet, and two stories high.

This primitive court house was used for court purposes for about ten years. It became inadequate for conducting the county's business, and in March, 1846, plans were accepted for a new court house, to be built of brick, and 44x60 feet in size. The contract for its erection was awarded to Henry Kent, at his bid of \$6,000, to be completed in two years. It was a substantial two-story brick, the finest court house in this section of the state when completed, and served the county for nearly a half century, but became too small and ancient for a progressive county and the board of county commissioners issued an order for a new one at the December term, 1894. The plans of A. W. Rush and son, of Grand Rapids, were adopted at the February term of court, and the contract for constructing the building as awarded J. E. Gibson & Co., of Logansport, who commenced work in June, 1895. The building is of Buff Bedford stone, 100x112 feet extreme floor dimensions, two stories and basement, and fire-proof throughout. The cost complete, including furniture,



yard grading, walks, etc., aggregated \$125,000, and it is one of the best, handsomest and most convenient court houses now in the state.

The first steps toward the erection of a jail building in Fulton county were taken at the session of the board of county commissioners, convened in November, 1836. The building was completed and first used in September of 1837. It was a two-story frame structure, and served the public until 1851, when the brick jail, which stood in the rear of the public square until torn down in 1894, supplanted it at a cost of \$5,000. The brick structure was used for nearly a half century, when, in 1893, Commissioners Dudgeon, Dewease and Robbins built an elegant new structure, on a lot separate from the public square, at a cost, complete, of about \$25,000.

"Among the first provisions made by law for the alleviation of the wants of the poor and indigent, was directing the appointment of overseers of the poor, whose duty it was to hear and examine into the nature of all complaints in behalf of the poor, in each civil township of the county, and see that their wants were sufficiently provided for; that such should not suffer for the common necessities of life, nor be ill-treated."

For a number of years after the organization of the county, as was the rule generally adopted throughout the state, the "farming out" system prevailed. A few years later an advance was made, and the county became possessed of a tract of land, since known as the "Poor Farm." The tract of land was purchased by the county board of commissioners in 1871, and in the same year a "poor house" was erected on the farm. It was a frame structure, 16x28 feet in dimensions, and one-story high. In 1876, it was supplanted by the present brick structure, which cost, complete, \$8,003.58.

The farm has other good improvements and has always been under good management.

While Fulton county has not had any phenomenal advances in growth and development, still it has made steady progress. It has convenient shipping facilities, having direct railroad communications with Chicago, Indianapolis and the great lakes on the north; and there are nearly twenty-five miles of free pikes in the county. The district and town schools and school buildings in the county are to the credit of any intelligent and enterprising people.

According to the report of the county treasurer, rendered July 21, 1836, the total amount of receipts, as per that first financial report made in this county, was \$73.83; while the total amount of disbursements reported at the same time was \$24.00.

The present assessed value of real and personal property in the county is about \$10,000,000.

The total receipts from the various sources in the county for the year ending May 31, 1896, were \$203,829.22. The amount on hand June 1, 1895, was \$73,746.04, which, together with the total receipts,



gave an aggregate fund of \$277,575.26 for the year ending May 31, 1896. For that same year orders were drawn to the amount of \$243,877.31, to which were added orders that were outstanding June 1, 1895, increasing the sum to \$245,127.97. The orders paid for the year ending May 31, 1896, amounted to \$244,060.92, and the orders outstanding June 1, 1896, amounted to \$1,067.05, while the balance in the treasury June 1, 1896, was \$33,514.34. The amount of orders outstanding June 1, 1896, being deducted from the balance in the treasury at that date would show a total balance on hand, above outstanding orders, of \$32,447.29. The bonded indebtedness of the county at that time amounted to \$144,500.00, of which \$35,000.00 were in the 6 per cent. ten-year bonds of Sept. 12, 1893; \$65,000.00 in the 5 per cent. twenty-year bonds of May 1, 1895; \$25,000.00 in the 5 per cent. twenty-year bonds of May 1, 1896, and \$19,500.00 in a 6 per cent. temporary loan of Dec. 12, 1895.

The foregoing figures show the county's financial condition at the beginning of the present fiscal year not to have been very bad for a county of such progress and resources as Fulton county.

Since then considerable expense has been incurred by the building of a new court house, and the bonded indebtedness has been increased, but after taking all into consideration the condition of finances in Fulton county is far from being deplorable. The county now has an imposing, substantial and beautiful court house, which together with other good public improvements signifies that the county is progressive.





## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

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DANIEL AGNEW.—In Ripley county, Ind., Nov. 27, 1836, occurred the birth of Daniel Agnew, a son of Joseph B. Agnew, a native of Hamilton county, Ohio, born Oct. 22, 1815. The earlier years of the father's life were devoted to farming and carpentering. At twelve years of age, he went to Ripley county, Ind., where he remained until 1847, when he enlisted in the war with Mexico. In the battle of Buena Vista he lost a leg and returned home in 1848, and in 1850 removed to Winamac, Ind., where his death occurred Dec. 23, 1895. As a citizen of Pulaski county, he held the position of land commissioner, clerk, recorder and treasurer. He was united in marriage Feb. 25, 1835, to Miss Louisa M. Boldrey, who was born Jan. 25, 1818, in Ripley county, Ind., and now resides at Winamac, Ind. Joseph B. Agnew was familiarly known as "Uncle Joe," and so clear was his record and his character was so illumined with good deeds and uprightness, that when the end came his long line of acquaintances in Pulaski county seemed to say, "Let the good and true man rest." Of twelve children born to Joseph B. and Louisa M. Agnew, Daniel is the eldest. He obtained a common school education. Until he gained his majority he remained upon the farm. From 1857 until 1860 he was employed as civil engineer in railway construction and swamp land work. He served as surveyor of Pulaski county for one term, and then for one year worked in a telegraph office, and in 1864 he came to Rochester and accepted employment in the auditor's office as deputy auditor. In 1866 he was elected auditor of Fulton county, and re-elected to the same position in 1870. As auditor and deputy auditor he served the people twelve years. The marriage of Mr. Agnew to Miss Emily L. Miller was solemnized Feb. 25, 1862. She was born in Fulton county, Ind. Mrs. Agnew is a daughter of Hon. Hugh Miller, who was born at Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 4, 1806, and his death took place March 11, 1867. In boyhood he removed with his parents to Butler county, Ohio, where, Oct. 21, 1830, he married Miss Phebe Caffyn and soon after removed to Decatur county, Ind., and later removed to Delphi, Ind., where for three years he had charge of a seminary. From his early manhood he was a teacher by profession. He came to Fulton county in 1837, when there were but a few log cabins in Rochester and many Indians in the county. He resided in Rochester a few years and then removed to his farm about three



miles south of the town, where his death ensued. He was a member of the convention that formed our present state constitution, and served several terms in the Indiana general assembly, both as representative and senator. He was judge of the court of common pleas the four first years after the organization of that court. He was always a devoted friend of education and for many years was the county examiner of teachers, and had a state reputation as an educator and leader in affairs. He was liberal and kind-hearted, and the especial friend of the poor. His death unto this day has left a vacancy hard to be filled. In politics, the subject of this review has been identified with the interests of the democratic party, and he and Mrs. Agnew (nee Miller) are among the prominent people of Northern Indiana.

I. H. ALEXANDER, of Rochester, was born in Cass county, Ind., Sept. 2, 1836. He was reared to the duties of the farm in that and Fulton county. Henry Alexander, his father, was born at Stone River, Tenn., Nov. 10, 1806. He went to Kentucky when a boy and on to Ohio and was married in that state in Medina county to Mary Hall, whose father, Amos Hall was born in North Carolina, and died in Ohio. Henry Alexander was a son of Amos Alexander, a New Light preacher, who was born in Virginia, emigrated to Tennessee, thence to Kentucky and died in this state in 1846, aged sixty years. Henry Alexander left Cass county, Ind., early in the 40's and went to Cedar county, Mo., expecting to make that state his future home, but it was too new, Indians were too numerous and sickness and other ills combined drove him back to Indiana again in six years. He came into Rochester just as the old court house was being finished. May 18, 1856, the subject of this sketch married in Fulton county Daniel Carr's daughter, Rebecca, from Jay county, Ind., but originally from Coshocton county, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander's children are Mrs. Ida Southard, Susan B., married A. Thallman; Hilda, deceased, married David Smith, and left one child, Gladys. In 1864 Mr. Alexander enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Forty-second Indiana volunteers. Capt. Jim Thompson was his captain. He was mustered into service at Indianapolis and was sent to Nashville and caught Hood there. His regiment remained in that post till the surrender of Lee, when it was mustered out and was discharged at Indianapolis July 14, 1865. Mr. Alexander returned to this county and farmed three years. He then went to Tyner City and was engaged in the hotel business for seven years. Twenty-one years ago he engaged in the retail liquor business in Rochester. He has prospered and has invested some of his surplus in Fulton county real estate. He owns a farm of 117 acres, a comfortable home in Rochester, and a brick business block on the south side of the square in Rochester. He is a republican in politics.



ROBERT ANDERSON, of Newcastle township, is one of the leading farmers of the county and was born in Wayne county, Ohio, Feb. 8, 1834. He came to Indiana in 1841, with his father, William Anderson, who made his settlement in the unbroken forests of Kosciusko county. In that neighborhood young Robert was reared and trained in the habits of industry. The country subscription school gave him his education and the pure, open air his robust physique. His father died about 1856 and he undertook, in a measure, the care of his widowed mother. He married at the age of twenty-two years, wedding Elphina, daughter of Jesse Bird, who was born in North Carolina, first settled in Wayne county, Ind., and some years later in Kosciusko county. Mrs. Anderson died in 1878, leaving a son, George Anderson, who resides on his father's farm, and has a family. His first wife was Mary A. Miller. At her death she left one child, Hulda. George's present wife was Mary Giek, whose three children are: Burl, Nora and Robert. Robert Anderson reared one other child, viz., Delpha, wife of Alex H. Scritchfield, of Marshall county. She was the daughter of William Anderson. Our subject's father was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, was married in Wayne county, Ind., to Mary Wood, who died in 1875, being the mother of the following children: Rachel, Robinson, deceased; Andrew, living in Texas; William, deceased; Francis, residing in Mentone; Robert, Abner, in Marshall county; Mary Roop, deceased; Ira, deceased, and Elizabeth, deceased, married to N. A. W. Norris. Robert Anderson came to Fulton county in 1866 with but \$600. He bought eighty acres, which were partly but poorly opened up, made a small payment on it and went several hundred dollars in debt for the balance. He has paid out on this indebtedness, bought another eighty acres, drained, cleared and otherwise improved the whole, out of the products of the farm. Mr. Anderson is a democrat.

JOSEPH F. AULT.—The industrial interests of Rochester are well represented by this gentleman, a well known architect and mechanic, who has been prominently connected with building in this city, evidences of his work being seen in many of the substantial structures of Rochester. Mr. Ault is of Hoosier nativity, his birth having occurred in Huntington county, March 31, 1858. The Ault family had its origin in Saxony, and the original American ancestor probably landed at New York and settled near that city, for Philip Ault, the great-grandfather of our subject, was born at Manhattan. Removing to Pennsylvania, he located at Valley Forge, where he was living during the memorable winter that the American army under Gen. Washington suffered untold hardships there. His son, Frederick Ault, was born at Valley Forge in 1800, and in 1812 the family emigrated to Belmont county, Ohio, where Frederick learned the trades of milling and distilling, and also followed the occupation of farming. The father of our subject, Henry



Ault, who for a number of years has been a resident of Rochester, was born in Belmont county, Ohio, in 1826, and learned the trades of carpenter and millwright. In 1854 he removed to Huntington county, Ind., and enlisted at Indianapolis, with the boys in blue of Company H, Forty-seventh Indiana infantry, which regiment was attached to the army of the Potomac. After thirteen months of active service he was discharged from field duty on account of disability, and transferred to the hospital service, acting as hospital steward at Camp Wyckliffe, Ky. By order of the division surgeon he was given charge of hospital No. 2, at Louisville, Ky., and later was placed in charge of the convalescent corps, returning home with some of "the boys." Henry Ault was married in 1849, to Susanna Freck, a native of Fairfield county, Ohio, and a daughter of Joseph Freck, a farmer of German descent. Their children are Eva, wife of Wm. J. Bailey, of Leiters Ford, Fulton county; Mary H., wife of George H. Adams, of Rochester; Joseph F., and Lilla, wife of G. F. Barcus, of Rochester. After leaving the public schools of Rochester, Joseph F. Ault attended the State Normal at Terre Haute, and subsequently engaged in teaching for a few years. On abandoning that profession, he learned the business of wood working with his father in the latter's shop and mill. For six months our subject was an employee in the shops of the Wabash railroad company at Peru, Ind., and later was superintendent of the construction of depots on the Erie road from Monterey to West Point. He has also erected at different points some stations for the Standard Oil company, and for some years he was acknowledged as one of the leading contractors of Rochester, erecting buildings for J. B. Fieser, O. P. Dillon, Cary Rapp, J. M. Kern and others. He is now devoting his time to shop work and architecture, superintending the operation of a planing mill, which he erected in 1881. He is a broad-gauged, practical business man, whose straightforward dealings have gained him the confidence of all with whom he has come in contact and won him a liberal share of the public patronage. Mr. Ault gives his political support to the republican party. For two years he acceptably served as town clerk, and is now serving his third year as a member of the Rochester school board. During his incumbency, the board has erected a \$20,000 school building, and liberal apportionment has been made, largely through his efforts, for furnishings and apparatus. He is deeply interested in the cause of public education and all measures calculated to advance the schools of Rochester receive his support. Mr. Ault is a man of domestic tastes, whose interests center in his family. He was married March 25, 1884, in Huntington, Ind., to Joanna M. Flora, and they now have four interesting children—Fred H., a lad of ten years; Edith M., seven years; Joseph O., aged four; and an infant, Willie.

JOHN AYDELOTT, Liberty township, was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, Oct. 23, 1816. His father, John Aydelott, was born





in Delaware. His early life was spent in the coasting trade on the Atlantic ocean, winding up his twenty-two years' service as a ship captain. In 1807 he settled in Hamilton county, Ohio, and died in his last home, Montgomery county, 1831, at sixty years of age. Our subject's paternal grandfather, John Aydelott, was born in France. He settled in Delaware on coming to America. The mother of our subject was Mary, a daughter of William Lockwood. Her children were Nancy, Lavina, Benjamin, Jacob and Thomas, all deceased; Sarah, widow of William Chambers; Elizabeth, deceased; Rebecca, deceased; and John. The last mentioned was sent to school only a few months during his boyhood. He began life as a teamster in Montgomery county, Ohio, and made his first money in that way. He was married Jan. 9, 1840, to Sarah, a daughter of Morris Harris, from New Jersey. This venerable couple have reared two orphan children, viz.: Eva Shafer, now Mrs. Jacob W. Warner, of Miami county, and William H. Bryant, who married Sarah M. Aydelott and lives in Kansas. "Uncle John" Aydelott came to Fulton county in October, 1848, and settled in the dense wood on his present farm. He has it cleared up and beautified, and although eighty years of age, can turn his hand to any kind of heavy work. He was found May 5, 1896, digging a drain through the side of his farm. He has been a strong, healthy man, and few have been the days that he has not attended to the usual duties of the farmer.

LEWIS BAILEY, the son of William and Mahala Bailey, and the brother of William J., elsewhere mentioned, was born in Aubbeenaubee township, Fulton county, on the farm now owned by his father. He remained with his father until he was past twenty-two years of age. He was married Oct. 31, 1877, to Amanda Tracy, the daughter of S. S. and Caroline Tracy. To this marriage were born three children, viz.: Estella, Pink V. and Clark. Mr. Bailey practically began life with nothing, but by hard labor has been quite successful and now owns a comfortable home and 100 acres of land. He has always been a staunch democrat. He and his wife are both members of the M. E. church. In 1893 he was appointed to serve the unexpired term of John Marbaugh, township trustee, and faithfully performed his duties for three years thereafter. Mr. Bailey has always been industrious and persevering. He has made a success in farming by reason of being a hard worker and by being frugal and strictly honest in all his affairs of business. He enjoys the confidence of a wide circle of acquaintances and is one of the county's representative citizens.

S. P. BAILEY, of Rochester, devotes his entire attention to cabinet and planing mill business and is one of the self-made hustlers of the young crowd. He has been associated with Jonas Myers in the management of their mill for years past and is enumerated among the reliable men in his calling. He was born in Hardin



county, Ohio, Feb. 2, 1858. He had the advantages of a village school training prior to the graded schools of Rochester, to which town he was brought in 1873 by his father, L. S. Bailey. Stella Bailey began business after he became of age, in the employ of his present associate. He was drawn into this line of work naturally, his father having been a lumber man at some time in his career. He is a democrat in politics, and was made the candidate of his party for town marshal, and although the town was republican he was elected by 112 majority. He is a K. of P., a Red Man, and a K. O. T. M., a member of the fire company and of the Citizens' band. Mr. Bailey's father was born in Hardin county, Ohio, sixty-two years ago. He was recently marshal of Rochester and was a soldier in the Union army during the civil war, and has followed farming during a portion of his residence in Fulton county. S. P. Bailey married in Rochester, March 24, 1888, wedding Essie, daughter of Jonas Myers, a prominent and esteemed citizen of Fulton county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Bailey the following children have been born: Martha, Margaret Moycah and an infant daughter.

WILLIAM J. BAILEY, the son of William Bailey, was born in Aubbeenaubbee township, Fulton county, Dec. 8, 1852. His father was born in Kentucky, October 8, 1816, and lived there until he was sixteen years of age, at which age his parents and self moved to Putnam county, Ind. After having lived there for some time they moved to Delphi, in Carrol county, Ind. From here he started out in life for himself and after roaming around for some time finally came to Fulton county, Ind., and lived with his parents, they having moved thither. However his parents stayed here but a short time until they returned to Delphi, where they took up their permanent abode. The son remaining in Fulton county. He was married Oct. 19, 1840, to Mahala Knight. This union was blessed with seven children, viz.: Mary Jane, deceased; Asa, deceased; Amelia, Emiline, deceased; Elizabeth, William J. and Lewis. The mother died Sept. 4, 1882. The father still lives on the old homestead. He was married a second time to Emaline Kirkendall July 20, 1885. To this union were born two children—Anna and Charles. The father has helped all his children and still owns forty acres of land. William J. remained with his parents until he was twenty-four years of age. He was married Dec. 29, 1875, to Eve Ault. He had just \$40 and his wife \$60 at the time they were married. With this they purchased a team of horses, which died before the summer was over. Not becoming discouraged with this, they commenced again, the wife to teaching school and the husband began working on his father's farm. The wife has always had bad health. They have raised their brother's children, having none of their own. Through all these misfortunes they have been very prosperous, and now own a beautiful home and one hundred acres of valuable land. He has always been a staunch democrat. He and his wife are members of



the M. E. church. In 1880 he was elected township assessor and served his term of four years as a successful officer.

M. A. BAKER, county attorney, and for the past decade a conspicuous figure at the bar of Fulton county, was born near the city of Albany, N. Y., at the town of West Berne, Feb. 28, 1856. His education was acquired in the Nassau grammar school and Starkey seminary and lastly at Hobart college at Geneva, N. Y., completing a course at each of these institutions. He engaged in the profession of teaching at fifteen, as a means of securing the funds necessary to carry him through college. He was nineteen years old when he graduated from Hobart college. He chose the profession of law for his life work, and began reading on the subject with his brother, Albert Baker, at Sharon Springs, N. Y. He was well prepared for his license at the end of his three years' reading, and was admitted to practice before the general term of the New York supreme court. He practiced for a brief period with his old tutor before removing to Cobleskill. There he was elected police judge on the democratic ticket and served from 1877 to 1883. He was also clerk of the board of supervisors for six years in the same county. In 1884 Mr. Baker cast his fortunes with the people of Rochester. He formed a partnership with Julius Rowley, and was so associated for nine years. Mr. Baker's ability and popularity brought him face to face with the democratic nomination for district attorney in 1894, which he accepted, but the tide was so strong against his party at the fall election that even the office of district attorney, which was thought to go surely to the democrats, slipped away from them and Mr. Baker accepted defeat quietly, bowing always to the people's will. He has just been appointed by the republican board of county commissioners, county attorney for 1896, a compliment to his wisdom as an advisor and counselor. Mr. Baker's father was David Baker, who married Elizabeth Durfee. The former was born near Albany, N. Y., in 1812. He was a farmer and stock buyer and prominent local democrat. His death occurred in 1866. His father and the grandsire of our subject was Benjamin Baker, who came from England. He was a Federal colonel, during the war of 1812, and died at Sag Harbor. He married a Miss Crosby, of English descent, and reared nine children, Benjamin Baker, of Westview, Ohio, being the only surviving one. Our subject's maternal grandfather was David Durfee, a farmer, who came from Ireland and located at Quaker Street, Schenectady county, N. Y. His wife was Mary White. Four of their ten children are still living. Stephen Durfee, Quaker Street, N. Y.; Maria, Cambridge, N. Y.; Abram, Cambridge, N. Y.; and David, Jr., Esperence, N. Y. Our subject married at Cobleskill, N. Y., March 29, 1884, to Miss Marie, daughter of Hon. William H. Young, deceased, a prominent lawyer and ex-member of congress elect, and eight years district attorney for the district in which Cobleskill is situated. His wife was Amelia



Angle, who died in Rochester. Mr. Baker belongs to the encampment in Odd Fellowship, is a K. of P., and a Knight of the Macca-bees.

GEORGE P. BARCUS, of the firm of Barcus & Elliott, of Rochester, was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, Oct. 8, 1859. His father is Henry A. Barcus, a retired resident of Rochester. He was born in the municipality of Hanover, Germany, seventy-five years ago, or on Sept. 14, 1821. He left the fatherland when young, and came to Indiana. He married in Marshall county, this state, Mary Quigg, whose father, — Quigg, was born in —, and went from Pennsylvania to Ohio, and later located in Marshall county. Henry A. Barcus came to Rochester, in 1863, and engaged in farming in this (Rochester) township. His children are: Retta, wife of Henry Neiswanger, of Ft. Wayne, Ind.; John, Rochester; J. Q., Indianapolis; George F., W. C., Chicago; Rosie B., wife of G. W. Wagner, of Fulton county; Arthur J., Rochester; Ira O., Chicago. George F. Barcus secured his education in the district schools. He found it necessary at a very early age to begin earning a subsistence for himself. He began learning the plasterers' trade in his teens, with A. F. Bowers. He began a successful career as a mechanic when he had mastered his trade. He became a contractor and did some of the best work that Rochester boasts of. The residences of C. C. Wolf and "Doc" Collins being samples of his work with the trowel. He engaged in contracting for thirteen years, and has acquired a comfortable home besides other property as a result of his labor and management. He is possessed of the spirit of progress and takes an interest in the welfare of Rochester. He is trustee for the First ward, elected on the republican ticket. He is a promoter of good street and sidewalk facilities, and of the extension of the water supply. Mr. Barcus married in Rochester, Oct. 30, 1889, Lillie, a sister of Joseph F. Ault, of Rochester. Mr. Barcus is a K. of P. and a K. O. T. M.

SAMUEL J. BARGER, a representative farmer and citizen of Union township, Fulton county, Ind., was born in Seneca county, Ohio, Aug. 27, 1848. He is a son of Andrew and Mary (Horner) Barger. The father was born in Columbia county, Pa., Jan. 26, 1816. He died in Fulton county, Ind., Jan. 25, 1878. The Bargers descend from Pennsylvania Dutch. Andrew Barger's parents settled in Seneca county, Ohio, and in that county Andrew married Mary Horner, who was born in Brush Valley, Pa., Sept. 14, 1828. She is a daughter of Joseph and Hannah (Cousor) Horner, of Pennsylvania Dutch descent. After the marriage of Andrew and Mary Barger, they lived for six years in Seneca county, Ohio, and then in 1854 came to Indiana, and settled in Aubbeenaubbee township, Fulton county. Here the father's death occurred. The mother is now living, making her home with her children that live in the county. The children born unto the marriage of Andrew and Mary Barger





are: Samuel J., Elizabeth, two children that died in childhood, John W. Barger, George F. and Mary. The father was a plain, humble and hardworking farmer. The subject of this sketch was reared on a farm and remained there till twenty-one years. He attended the district schools. At the age of twenty-one he went to Rochester, where he attended school for one year. Then he spent one year in school at Valparaiso. Then began teaching and taught district schools for twelve winters thereafter, farming in the summer. He served as trustee of Aubbeenaubbee township for three years and resigned the office when he moved onto his present farm in Union township in 1879. He was married April 26, 1877, to Miss Emma F., daughter of William and Electa Cook. She was born and reared in Union township. She bore him four children, viz.: Stella May, Earl Guy, Eietta Glen and William A. The mother of these children died Oct. 31, 1887. March 13, 1895, Mr. Barger married a second wife, Mrs. Adella Hordin, nee Loyd. She was born in Union township. Mr. Barger owns 160 acres where he lives and also ten acres of timbered land elsewhere. He is a democrat in politics and has served as trustee of Union township one term. He and family are members of the M. E. church. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and is a representative citizen.

SAMUEL A. BARKDOLL is a semi-pioneer to Fulton county, and has performed well his part in the upbuilding of Rochester and patriotically fulfills his whole duty as a citizen. He is a Keystoner by nativity, coming into existence in Adams county, Pa., Nov. 18, 1834. His parents were Samuel Barkdoll and Margaret Harboe. The former died at thirty-five in 1837, and the latter in 1884 at seventy-six. The living children are Nancy, wife of David Stephey, of Fulton county; Samuel A., Margaret, wife of Christ Hoover, of Rochester. Mr. Barkdoll's mother moved to Franklin county, Pa., soon after her husband's death, and it was in the common schools of that county that young Samuel obtained his meager education. He lived with his guardian from twelve to sixteen, at which age he grew weary of his treatment and ran away. He found work on a brick yard wheeling mud at twenty-five cents a day. Got out at 4 o'clock in the morning and worked correspondingly late at night. At eighteen he engaged himself to an old German named Widmyer. He finished his trade of cabinet maker with him in three years, and was in a mood to go west, but had not the funds. So he worked in the harvest field twenty-six days to secure the necessary cash and soon after set out for Indiana. He landed in Rochester the fall of 1856, and worked with his brother-in-law several years, increasing his original capital from seven dollars to a comfortable surplus above a good subsistence. In 1863 he enlisted in the government service as bridge carpenter, and the year following joined Company A, One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Indiana volunteers, Capt. Shields, Col. Wilson. He afterward recruited enough men to entitle him to a sec-



and lieutenant's commission. The company was mustered in at Laporte, was ordered to Washington, thence to Virginia, back to Salisbury, Md., and there did guard duty to the end of the war. Mr. Barkdoll was mustered out at Dover, Del., and returned home in August, 1865. Dec. 28, 1858, Mr. Barkdoll married Aletha Smith, who died in 1867, leaving two living children—Schuyler C., married Alice Fleyman, and Margaret. In October, 1868, Mr. Barkdoll married Susan J. Stradley, daughter of James Stradley, deceased, from Dover, Del. Their children are: Nora, died 1895; John, died at Colorado Springs in 1893; Elsie, George, Bessie and James. Mrs. Barkdoll died in September, 1892. Mr. Barkdoll is an I. O. O. F., a K. of H., and belongs to McClung post, G. A. R. He is now operating the giant planing mill which he built in 1872. He is a republican in politics, is a genial, sociable gentleman and an esteemed townsman.

MOSES BARNETT, county commissioner, was born in Cass county, Ind., March 18, 1833. Mr. Barnett is a son of Harrison and Sarah (Lamar) Barnett. His father was a native of Kentucky, and a son of Robert and Nancy Barnett, who were also natives of Kentucky. Robert Barnett was a pioneer settler in Cass county, and the father of ten sons and two daughters. The Barnetts are mainly of German origin. Harrison Barnett was a young man when he came to Cass county with his parents. In that county he married Sarah Lamar, who was a daughter of John Lamar, of French origin. He was an early settler in Cass county. His daughter was born in Ohio. Unto Harrison Barnett and wife three sons and five daughters were born. He died when thirty-five years of age. His widow lived many years afterward and died some eight years ago, aged seventy-two years. Moses Barnett was reared on the farm, and his educational advantages were poor. He was fourteen years of age at the time of his father's death, and at that early age Mr. Barnett began the battle of life for himself. He learned plastering and followed the trade many years. He was married in 1857 to Bessie E. Fish, a native of Cortland county, N. Y. After his marriage Mr. Barnett went to housekeeping in Logansport and lived there until he took up farming. He first farmed in Cass county. In 1880 he purchased a farm in Wayne township, Fulton county, and since that date he has resided on this farm. Beside farming Mr. Barnett has dealt largely in stock. He has been a successful business man, and has gained the esteem and confidence of his fellow-citizens, who honored him by an election to the office of county commissioner in 1894. He has always been a staunch republican in politics. He and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Unto them have been born five children, viz.: Harry, Nina D., Lizzie E., Davy D., deceased, and Minnie, deceased.



HENRY A. BARNHART, editor and proprietor of the Rochester Sentinel, was born in Cass county, Ind., Sept. 11, 1858. His parents were Jacob and Mary (Fisher) Barnhart, natives of Franklin County, Va. The father was a son of Abram Barnhart, a native of Pennsylvania, whose paternal parent was a native of Germany. In an early day he settled in Pennsylvania. Mr. Barnhart's maternal ancestors were also of German origin. The marriage of Jacob Barnhart and Mary Fisher was solemnized in Miami county, Ind., and soon after marriage they settled in Cass county. Such toil, as pioneers of those days experienced, fell to the lot of Jacob Barnhart and his wife. Farming was his vocation throughout his long and exemplary life. He was a devout Christian. He and his wife were members of the German Baptist church, and for the last thirty years of his life he was a minister of the gospel, and during the latter half of that period he was presiding elder of the Eel river district of his church. He was of strong brain power, a wise counselor and recognized leader. He died in the year 1894, at the age of seventy-three years. His widow now (1896) resides on the old homestead in Cass county. Unto Jacob and Mary Barnhart were born ten children, six of whom are living. Henry A., the subject of this sketch, was reared amidst the scenes of farm life. His richest heritage was that of excellent parentage. His early scholastic training was received in the country schools. At Amboy college he took a preparatory course. He taught several terms of school, and then took up the study of law. But six months' work on Blackstone and Kent revealed to him the vast amount of labor and research necessary to become a lawyer, and necessity compelled him to turn to a vocation promising earlier financial returns. Fate and force of circumstances often direct men's lives into strange channels, and such is true of Mr. Barnhart. In 1881 he came to Fulton county and again tried farming. Subsequently he was elected county surveyor, and in 1885 moved to Rochester, where he has since resided. Soon after coming to Rochester, Mr. Barnhart purchased the Sentinel, and finding its management the most satisfactory vocation of his experience, the years of dreamy ambitions to acquire fame and fortune at the bar, or wealth and independence on the farm, were supplanted by the attractiveness of newspaper work, in which he has been very successful. The Sentinel he has made a first-class county paper, and his rank as an editor is suggested by the fact that he has held the honorary position of chairman of the Democratic State Editorial association. He has also served as a member of the democratic state central committee, and is now a member of the executive staff of that committee. He has also held the responsible position of director of the Northern Indiana prison, and while serving as such was president of the board. In every sense of the term, Mr. Barnhart is a man of progress. He was secretary and director of the construction company for the Rochester water works plant;



is now president of the Rochester telephone company; president of the auditing committee of the Grand Camp of the Knights of the Maccabees of Indiana, and is also a member of the order of Knights of Pythias. Mr. Barnhart married Louretta, the daughter of Arthur and Nancy Leffel, and unto the marriage two sons have been born, namely, Dean and Hugh. They also have a foster daughter—Glen Howell-Barnhart.

DAVID O. BARR, a successful and progressive farmer of New-castle township, and familiarly known as "Oliver" Barr, was born in Richland county, Ohio, March 9, 1857. His father left the Buckeye state in 1858 and cast his fortunes with the people of Franklin township, Kosciusko county, Ind. The industrious, prosperous farmer was born in Pennsylvania in 1826. His father, Samuel Barr, emigrated to Richland County, Ohio, and died there. He was a Jefferson democrat, and his son was a follower of the same political faith. George, the father of Oliver Barr, married Susan a daughter of David Smith, formerly from Bedford county, Pa. Mr. Barr died in 1878, outliving his wife six years. They left three sons—Oliver, Samuel O., and John R., ex-county treasurer of Fulton county. Oliver Barr was educated in the common schools. He began life as a farmer on his father's farm at nineteen. He was married about this time April 16, 1875, to Martha L. Clingenpeel, and settled on his present farm, consisting then of less area than now and being unimproved with the exception of a log house and same kind of a stable. Mr. and Mrs. Barr laid up a little each year and began beautifying their premises as they felt able. The forest has receded almost to the farm lines, a pretty substantial brick residence has taken the place of the log cabin and the log stable has been superceded by a large modern barn. Mrs. Barr's father was Jacob Clingenpeel, who came to Kosciusko county from Virginia very early. Mr. and Mrs. Barr have one child, Maud, born April 2, 1877.

W. H. BAUGHER, justice of the peace of New Castle township, who stands in the front rank among the public-spirited and enterprising citizens of Fulton county, manifested his loyalty to the nation by an honorable service in defense of the Union during the late war. He was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, July 13, 1846. Just ten years previous his father, Henry Baugher, a native of Bavaria, Germany, came to America, a vigorous and ambitious young man of twenty years, seeking a home in the new world. He began work at the wagon-makers' trade in Strausberg, and there met and married Mary E. Kline, also a native of Bavaria. For some years they resided in that place, and then emigrated farther westward, to take their part in the development of a newer state. In 1863 they located in Bourbon, Marshall county, Ind., where they are still living, in the enjoyment of good health, and the father may still be found at his trade, as he was half a century ago. Their eldest child, Mary E., became the wife of Daniel Martin, and died in Marshall county, leav-





ing eight children. The second, John, is in Golconda, Ills. Julia is the wife of John Silvius, of Marshall county. Philip is in Bourbon, and George in Valparaiso, Ind. Matilda is the wife of R. Cecil, of Plymouth, Ind., and Theodore is in Ellwood, this state. Our subject was the third of the family, and during his earliest childhood he spent the greater part of his time in his father's shop, so that when only ten years of age, he could hew out spokes, handle the auger, and do many primary things to be learned in a wagon shop. He had mastered the business when the bugle sounded the call for loyal men to take up arms and defend the flag of our nation. He enlisted February 12, 1862, at Canal Dover, Ohio, in Company C, Eightieth Ohio infantry, and with his command went to Cairo, Ills., to Paducah, Ky., and on to Corinth, Miss. After participating in the siege of that place, he took part in the battle of Iuka, and aided in driving the rebels from the fortifications at Corinth. This was followed by the engagements of Holly Springs, Oxford, Grand Junction, Memphis and Helena, Ark., and after the Yazoo Pass expedition the regiment returned to Helena, and went down the Mississippi river to Young's Point, participating in all the battles around Vicksburg. Returning to Memphis, they then went to East Tennessee, and took part in the battle of Missionary Ridge, where Mr. Baugher was struck by a ball that necessitated the removal of a part of his skull. Later he went with his regiment to Huntsville, Ala., and in the spring was ready for the Atlanta campaign. He saw that city captured, and went with Sherman's invincible army to the sea, then north to Fayetteville, N. C., when he was honorably discharged, his time having expired. Returning to Indiana, Mr. Baugher spent a year in school in order to prepare himself for business life, and then worked at the wagon-makers' trade in Bourbon for four years, when he came to his present home in New Castle township. His farm of fifty-five acres is the best improved in the township, and indicates the enterprise and progressiveness so characteristic of the owner. In politics he is a democrat, and is now serving his second term as justice of the peace. Socially, he is a Mason, and belongs to McClung post, G. A. R. Mr. Baugher was married July 4, 1869, to Amanda, daughter of Alba and Delilah (Greer) Baylor. Her father was a native of Pennsylvania, and in his family were the following children: George, of Plymouth; W. F., of Texas; Rachel, wife of James Jordan; Mary, wife of John Devers; David, of Purdy, Mo., and Celeste, wife of W. H. Goodnight. Mr. and Mrs. Baugher had three children, but Howard died at the age of four years; and George W. at the age of eighteen months. Mary M., the second child, aged twenty-two, is an accomplished musician, and is the joy of the parents' home.

**HON. GEORGE RUSSELL BEARSS.**—One of the most progressive farmers and stock raisers of Indiana, is the gentleman whose name introduces this biography. In 1834 Mr. Bearss was



born at the old village of Miamiasport, where the city of Peru now stands, and is a son of Hon. Daniel R. Bearss, who during his life was one of the distinguished men of Indiana. He was born in New York state in 1808, and died at Peru, Ind., in 1885. In boyhood he came to Indiana and for some time was a clerk in a store at Logansport and then went to Fort Wayne and later to Goshen, and in the fall of 1834 settled in Miami county. For twenty years he was a leading merchant in Peru, and then invested in town property in that city and farm lands in Miami and adjoining counties. He was a man of aggressive spirit and in many ways contributed to the best interests of his adopted city and county. In politics he was a lifelong republican, and for about twenty years represented his party in the Indiana general assembly, either in the house or senate. He was in fact one of the leaders of the republican party of Indiana. The honest poor man found in him a friend, and the cases are numerous in which he helped the less fortunate to attain success in life. The mother of George R. Bearss—Emma A. (Cole) Bearss—was born in Zanesville, Ohio, in 1815, and now resides upon the old homestead in Peru. The subject of this review is the eldest of eight children, of whom five are living. He first attended the public schools, and at twelve years of age he was sent to Kenyon college at Gambier, Ohio, where he continued for six years. The school days over, Mr. Bearss spent two years in California, and then returned to Peru, where he remained until 1864, when he came to Rochester and for four years was engaged in the walnut lumber business in partnership with Edwin E. Cowgill, under the firm name of Cowgill & Bearss. Mr. Bearss then bought 120 acres of land in Rochester township, where the house of Thomas Lovatt now stands. A short time later he bought 1,040 acres more. About thirteen years ago he removed to his present place of residence, an easy distance southwest of Rochester. He now has about 700 acres of fine land. He has spent about \$30,000 in the improvement of his farm, which is considered one of the best farms in Northern Indiana. He has always given much attention to stock interests and has upon his farm some of the best blooded stock in Fulton county. The republican party has the earnest support of Mr. Bearss. His first presidential vote was cast for John C. Fremont at the convention held in Musical Fund hall in Philadelphia, which nominated him for the presidency. In 1874, Mr. Bearss was elected to represent Fulton county in the Indiana legislature. He was united in marriage in 1860 to Miss Mary Troost, who died in 1884, leaving one son, Daniel R. Mr. Bearss was married again in 1885, to Miss Jessie McBride, who was born in the same neighborhood where she now resides. To this marriage three children have been born, of whom only one is now living, Albert Gresham. Mr. Bearss is one of Fulton county's leading citizens.

FRANK L. BERRY, farmer and teacher, was born in Pulaski



county, Ind., March 22, 1858. His parents are Aaron and Caroline Berry. His father was born in Sandusky county, Ohio, March 24, 1830. In that county he married and in the year 1857 moved to Pulaski county, Ind. In 1861 he came to Fulton county, and settled in Rochester township, where he resides at present. His wife's parents were natives of Virginia, but she was born in Ohio. Unto Aaron and Caroline Berry were born six children, viz., Mary, deceased; Charles, Ellen, Frank L., James C., and Alpharetta. Frank L. was reared on a farm and was given an opportunity to attend the district schools in winter seasons, and at the age of seventeen years began teaching and for six years thereafter both taught and farmed. During the six years following he did not teach, but he resumed teaching and for the last eight years he has both taught and farmed. He was married Dec. 25, 1880, to Miss Jennie, a daughter of Harvey and Martha Conner. The marriage has given issue in the birth of two children, viz., Earl C. and Otto. Both Mr. and Mrs. Berry are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a member of the fraternal and mutual benefit order known as the Knights of the Maccabees, and in politics he is of the democratic party. Both as a teacher and farmer, Mr. Berry bears an excellent reputation. His efforts at both have been attended with very satisfactory results. Much of that which he has accomplished in the way of success has been due to individual effort.

J. E. BEYER, of Rochester, was born in Hessen Castle, Prussia, March 6, 1858. He attended the schools of his native land and at the age of fourteen emigrated to America, locating at Goshen, Ind., where he secured employment. Realizing the necessity of further educating himself in English, he attended school in Goshen three winters, defraying the expense of the schooling with earnings from his summer employment. In 1874 he secured employment with George Freese, a produce dealer of Goshen, in whose employ he remained until 1877, at which time Mr. Beyer and his brothers, J. F. and C. C. Beyer, embarked in the produce business at Warsaw, Ind., doing business under the firm name of Beyer Bros. Success followed the business adventure, and the firm has now been in business nineteen years, and has gained a wide and favorable reputation. They now have business houses at Warsaw, the home of J. F. Bever, at Kendallville, the home of C. C. Beyer; at Rochester, Goshen, Logansport, Monticello, North Manchester, Huntington, Kewanna, Monon, Brookston, Delphi and other points in Indiana, Michigan, Illinois and Ohio. They do an annual business of about one and three-quarters of a million dollars, and rank among the largest produce firms in this country. Some years ago the firm of Bever Bros. purchased property at Eagle Lake, Ind., their purpose being to make the place a summer resort. They beautified the grounds, erected costly buildings, employed a landscape gardener and provided such means of entertainment as rendered Eagle Lake a





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popular summer resort. The Chautauqua people held a few of their meetings there and were much pleased with the place. In 1895 the grounds and improvements were purchased by the Presbyterian National Chautauqua assembly, now known as the Winona assembly and Summer School Association, of which Mr. J. E. Beyer is a director and advisor. Mr. Beyer's business career has been one of phenomenal success. His active business course has placed him in acquaintance with a wide circle of people, and in all his business dealings his sagacity, wisdom and integrity have won for him the esteem of many friends. He holds several responsible business positions, among which may be named the presidency of the Rochester Electric Light company and the position of director, both in the Farmers' Building and Loan association and the Citizens' bank of Rochester. He stands as a representative citizen, a man of progress, an example of what gratifying success may be accomplished by worthy ambition, by energy and integrity, even though one may begin the struggle for wealth and station in life under adverse circumstances, as was the case with Mr. Beyer. Mr. Beyer was fortunate in securing in marriage the hand of Irena B. Oldfather. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Beyer has been blessed by the birth of one child, a son named Earl E. Mr. Beyer is a member of the order of Knights of Pythias, and in social circles both he and wife sustain pleasant relations.

PETER BIDDINGER, a well-known real estate dealer of Rochester, was born south of Wabash, Ind., on the Mississiniwa river Aug. 16, 1844. He came to Fulton county in 1861, with his parents, who located near Leiters Ford. Peter was reared to hard work, and was but sparingly educated. He was hired out by his father from nineteen to twenty-one and his wages were appropriated to the use of the parental treasury. He earned the money that bought his first overcoat after he became of age. He engaged in independent farming as soon as his circumstances enabled him to equip himself for it and continued it with varying degrees of success and with rare interruptions until 1891, when he removed from Richland township to Rochester, and the next year engaged in the real estate business. He owns farms in both Rochester and Richland townships, beside valuable residence property in Rochester. Mr. Biddinger married in this county Nov. 23, 1865, Samantha Jane Fribbett, daughter of the late William Fribbett. The children of this union were: Orpha Belle, who died 1892, aged twenty-three and William H. Mr. and Mrs. Biddinger have an adopted daughter, Blanche Young. Peter Biddinger is a son of Mathias Biddinger, born in Pennsylvania. He moved to Ohio with his father and was married there to Sarah, a daughter of John Enfield. He came to Indiana in 1843. He was killed by an Erie train at Leiters Ford in 1890. His living children are Jonas, William, Elizabeth.



who married Rev. James Walls, Peter and Jesse. The Biddingers are staunch republicans and are among Fulton county's best citizens.

FRANKLIN PIERCE BITTERS, M. D., was born at Bloomsburg, Pa., Oct. 25, 1852. His parents were William and Elizabeth C. (Kuhn) Bitters. The father was born in Pennsylvania, the mother in Fulton county, Ind. William Bitters was a brick mason by trade, and in 1856 he came to Peru, Ind., and there worked at his trade for awhile. Subsequently he came to Fulton county, where he met and married Elizabeth C. Kuhn, with whom he settled in Rochester in 1858. Their son was given a common school education. He learned the brick mason's trade under his father, but at the age of seventeen he began teaching school. In June, 1876, he graduated from Northern Indiana Normal school, at Valparaiso, completing a scientific course. Immediately he went to Louisville, Ky., where he entered the Kentucky school of medicine, whence he graduated in June, 1879. He began the practice of his profession at Claypool, Ind., but remained there only a short time. January, 1880, he located at Rensselaer, Ind., where he successfully practiced for eleven years. At West Lafayette, Ind., in 1883, he married Anna May Stockton, a lady of intellectual and moral culture, and of strong force of character. She bore him three children, but, alas, death called the wife and mother and her children away, in the years 1890-91. Having been sadly bereft of his family Dr. Bitters felt the loss so keenly that he became discontented with living in Rensselaer, the scene of his loss, and in 1891 he became a resident of Rochester, where he has continued to practice his profession.

MAJOR BITTERS.—During the month of roses, in 1820, John Bitters, the son of a German soldier, who chose death rather than subserviance to George IV., was united in marriage at Martin's Creek, Northampton county, Pa., with Miss Sarah Ann Major, a young lady of Scotch parentage, to whom were born eleven children. Maj. Bitters, the subject of this sketch, being the eighth child and fourth son, born Sept. 21, 1835. When but eleven years of age Major Bitters went forth to earn an independent livelihood, and until 1854, when he took an apprenticeship at the Gazette office, in Berwick, Pa., he paid his parents over three hundred dollars out of his very meager earnings. In less than one year's time he was advanced to the foremanship of the office and at the commencement of the Buchanan presidential campaign, in 1856, published a campaign paper at Bloomsburg, Pa., with Frank Snyder as financial partner. Before election day the "Campaigner" suspended for want of patronage and the material was moved to Orangeville, Pa., where the publication of the Orangeville Democrat was established by the same firm, but the revenue was not sufficient to prevent a treasury deficit, and Major resolved to accept the advice just offered by Horace Greeley—to go west and grow up with the country. As foreman of the Democrat (which was a republican paper) at Danville, Pa., he earned sufficient



means to carry him to Indianapolis, Ind., where he served a few weeks on the Journal, and thence to Peru, about Christmas time in 1856, where he resided until the 6th of October, 1873. During his residence in Peru, on the 4th day of March, 1858, he was united in marriage to Miss Maria Rose, to whom were born three sons and one daughter. Two-sons died in childhood. Albert and Maggie are yet living, both married and residents of Rochester. Major enlisted as a private soldier in Company K, One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Indiana volunteers, which was mustered in at Indianapolis in February, 1865, and mustered out at Dover, Del., in August of the same year. But most of his time in the army was given as second leader of a regimental brass band. Under his skillful services the Peru Republican developed from an insignificant country paper, printed on a hand press, to its present proud proportions. The purchase of the Rochester Union Spy was a venture that no one with a less degree of adhesiveness would have undertaken, but the debt incurred was paid in due time and the office and the paper very much improved. Three years later he sold the Spy office and purchased the Union office at Rensselaer and changed the name to Rensselaer Republican. In July, 1880, he sold out and returned to Rochester, engaging in the real estate business with A. C. Elliott. In 1882 he established the Rochester Tribune, which he sold to W. I. Howard & Son a year later. In November, 1884, he repurchased the Spy office, which under the management of W. H. Mattingly & Bro. had been rechristened the Rochester Republican. On the 5th day of February, 1886, he added the publication of the Rochester Daily Republican, now in its eleventh volume, of which, together with the Weekly Republican, M. Bitters & Son are the sole proprietors. In 1892 they purchased the Rochester Tribune and consolidated it with the Republican. Major Bitters is a successful editor and publisher, but the principal qualification he possesses is adhesiveness. Early and late he is engaged in looking after the welfare of his paper, and largely through his progressive ideas Rochester has developed from the usual old-time conditions of a country village to an admirable little city, well ordered and beautified with elegant residences, commodious churches, school houses and other metropolitan advantages of which the people are justly proud. Politically Major Bitters was born and raised a democrat, and remained such until the democratic attempt at the extension of slavery, which aroused him to the support of John C. Fremont and soon after he identified himself with the republican party. Religiously he was born and raised a Presbyterian, but at maturity he united with the Methodist church and was an active worker for twenty-five years. In 1880 he commenced the study of evolution as presented by Darwin, Huxley, Spencer and others, and this knowledge is steadfastly maintained.

JOHN W. BLACK, an ex-commissioner of Fulton county, and for fifteen years superintendent of the county poor farm, is a native



of Fairfield county, Ohio, born March 10, 1838; son of John and Elizabeth (Mechling) Black. The father of Mr. Black was born in Germany and died in Ohio, and his mother was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., and at seventy-six years of age died in Henry county, Ohio. Mr. Black, the subject of this review, attended the public schools in Ohio, and there he also learned the carpenter's trade. In 1857, Mr. Black came to Fulton county, Ind., and Jan. 26 of that year he located in New Castle township, where he worked at his trade during the summer season, and taught school during the winter, for five years. The major part of the life of Mr. Black has been devoted to agricultural interests, and in December, 1877, he was appointed superintendent of the poor farm of Fulton county, and in this capacity he continued until March, 1893. All through his long term of service he gave the utmost satisfaction, and the time which he held office is itself positive proof of his undoubted ability to properly care for the poor unfortunates and manage the farm to obtain the best results. In politics Mr. Black is a democrat and, as such, he served the county faithfully and well as a commissioner for five years. During his term as commisisoner the county poor house was built, at a cost of \$10,000, and also the first iron bridge in the county was erected over the Tippecanoe river. While a resident of New Castle township he served for seven years as trustee. In 1894 he was the nominee of his party for county auditor, but went down with the entire county ticket, in the "land slide" at the election of that year. Mr. Black is now residing on his farm of seventy acres, two miles south of Rochester. He was united in marriage Sept. 30, 1860, to Miss Mary Taylor, who was born in Ohio. To them were born these two children: George and Nora, now Mrs. Bruce Low. Mr. Black has been a Mason since 1865, and an I. O. O. F. since 1872. He and wife are members of the Lutheran church. He is a man of pleasing manner and one whose honesty and integrity have never been questioned, and who to-day is one of the most popular men in Fulton county.

**JOSHUA BLACKETOR**, a resident of Fulton county since 1837, was born in Decatur county, Ind., in 1827, and is a son of Norman and Patsey (Hoobery) Blacketor. The father of Mr. Blacketor was born in Kentucky and died in Fulton county, Ind., about forty-one years ago, and the mother, a native of the same state, died in this county some forty-four years ago. Mr. Blacketor is the tenth in a family of twelve children, only three of whom are living at this time. Mr. Blacketor was reared upon the farm and farming has been his life occupation. He now owns a good farm of ninety-two acres about four miles southeast of Rochester. This land was entered by his father from the government, and the first deed for it is now in the possession of Mr. Joshua Blacketor. Mr. Blacketor was united in marriage in 1850 to Susan J. Babcock, a native of Indiana. To this marriage relation there are four living children, viz.:





Thomas B., Sarah Ann, Elizabeth M., and James B. The political support of Mr. Blacketor has always been given to the democratic party. All through his residence of fifty-nine years in this county Mr. Blacketor has been known as a man of sterling worth and his friends are legion.

ABEL F. BOWERS, a contractor and builder, was born in Allen county, Ohio, Jan. 28, 1852, and is a son of William P. Bowers, whose death occurred in January, 1892. On account of the death of the mother Mr. Bowers was raised by Solomon Slusser, who for the last twelve years has resided with Mr. Bowers. After attending the public schools in Ohio for some time he came to Fulton county in June, 1868, and during the winter of 1868-69 he was a student at a country school. In the spring of 1869 he came to Rochester and began learning the mason trade in the employ of C. P. Hinman. During the winter of 1869-70 he attended the Rochester schools and prepared himself for teaching. Thereafter for twelve winters he taught school in this county and worked at his trade during the other seasons of the year. For thirteen years past he has been engaged in the contracting and building business; all work done with cement being his specialty. Specimens of his work can be seen in Northern Indiana towns and in Chicago. His marriage took place in February, 1875, to Miss Pauline McQuern, born Oct. 5, 1856, in Fulton county, Ind., and a daughter of James and Martha McQuern, of whom the former was born in Virginia and the latter in Ohio. To Mr. and Mrs. Bowers are these two children, viz.: L. G., born July 22, 1876, and Bessie, born Oct. 14, 1883. In politics Mr. Bowers has been a life-long republican, and in 1892 was chairman of the republican central committee of this county. He has held the offices of assessor and justice of the peace. He is a pronounced believer in protection. Mr. Bowers is a member of the Masonic fraternity and Fredonia lodge, No. 122, K. of P. He deserves the success he has earned.

CHARLES WILLIAM BRACKETT.—The gentleman whose name introduces this mention, is a native of Fulton county, Ind., born in the city of Rochester in 1862, and is a son of Dr. Charles and Margaret Brackett, now Mrs. Gould. He first attended the public schools and later graduated from the Rochester high school and then spent one year at Earlham college, at Richmond, Ind., after which he spent two years at the university of Michigan. He returned to Rochester and in 1884 engaged in the lumber business, which he continued until 1896, and then began the livery business. Mr. Brackett was married in 1885 to Miss Ella Mercer, of this county. They have three children, viz.: Mary, Bernice and Ruth. In politics he is a republican and is a member of Fredonia lodge, No. 122, K. of P. He is a man popular with his fellows and possesses good business ability.

LYMAN M. BRACKETT, president of the Citizens' State bank





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of Rochester, is one of the ablest and most sagacious business men of Fulton county. Mr. Brackett was born in this county Sept. 9, 1854. After obtaining a liberal education in the Rochester schools and Earlham college, he completed a commercial course in the Bryant & Stratton business college at Chicago, graduating therefrom in 1874. He then became book-keeper for his step-father, Mr. E. E. Cowgill, then a lumber dealer, of Rochester. Three years later he became Mr. Cowgill's partner in the business, the firm thus formed becoming E. E. Cowgill & Co. In 1882 Mr. Cowgill died, and then Mr. A. J. Barrett became Mr. Brackett's partner in the business. The firm of Brackett & Barrett conducted the business until February, 1896, when Mr. Brackett sold his interest to Mr. Barrett. In February, 1894, Mr. Brackett was elected president of the Citizens' State bank and he has since remained the president of this bank, demonstrating extraordinary financial ability. He is regarded as a careful and far-seeing business man, and enjoys the esteem and confidence of his fellow-citizens. Mr. Brackett has taken considerable interest in politics as a republican, but has never sought political preferment. However, he was honored by an election to the position of presidential elector for the Tenth Indiana district, in the year 1892. Fraternally he is a member of the orders of Knights of Pythias, Red Men, and Maccabees. He is an active member of the Baptist church, of which he has served as trustee for the last ten years. Oct. 17, 1877, Miss Sarah Merriam, of Brandon, Vt., became his wife. She has borne him three children, namely: Zoe A., Charles C. and Lyman E. Mr. Brackett's father was Dr. Charles Brackett, who was born at Cherry Valley, Otsego county, N. Y., June 18, 1825. Dr. Brackett received a good academical education, and early in life chose medicine as his profession, and graduated from the medical college at Castleton, Vt., in 1845, at the age of twenty years. He immediately established himself in practice at Davenport, Iowa, where he remained only a short time, and then, in 1848, came to Fulton county, Ind., where he soon grew into prominence in his profession. When the call came for soldiers to suppress the Southern rebellion he was among the first to answer the call. His words were: "I deem the preservation of the Federal Union and the maintenance of the Constitution paramount duties incumbent on every American citizen, and in the performance of which none should shrink from any toil, sacrifice or suffering." April 20, 1861, found him captain of a company of eighty men, raised in Fulton county, and asking for a place to do service. The company not being accepted by the governor, the call being full, Dr. Brackett went to Indianapolis and tendered his services to the governor, offering to serve the Union army in whatever capacity he could be most useful, and in August, 1861, he was commissioned assistant surgeon of the First regiment of Indiana cavalry. He immediately joined the regiment at Camp Blair, Mo. The following



November he returned home on account of sickness. While at home he received a commission from Gov. Yates, of Illinois, as surgeon of the Ninth Illinois cavalry regiment, which was organized by his brother, Col. A. G. Brackett. He joined the regiment at Camp Douglas, and from there went into Missouri and Arkansas, and continued in the service until the time of his death, which occurred Feb. 20, 1863, at Helena, Ark. A detail was granted to convey his body home to Rochester. Of the above named Ninth Illinois regiment his brother, Albert G. Brackett, was colonel; his brother, Joseph Brackett, was commissary; his brother, James Brackett, was assistant surgeon, while he, as stated above, was surgeon. Dr. Charles Brackett's father was James Brackett, who was born at Lee, N. H., March 31, 1782, and whose father, Joseph Brackett, a native of New Hampshire, was a first lieutenant of cavalry in the Revolutionary war. Dr. Brackett's father was graduated from Dartmouth college in the class of 1805. He became a lawyer and located at Cherry Valley, N. Y., in 1808. One year later he married Eliza Maria (Bennett) Ely, at Philadelphia, and for forty-one years thereafter he practiced law at Cherry Valley, where his family of seven sons and one daughter were reared. Dr. Charles Brackett was married in 1851 to Margaret Wilson, who was born at Rome, N. Y. Her father, William Wilson, was a native of Glasgow, Scotland. At a very early date he removed from New York to Fulton county, and settled near Kewanna. Unto Dr. Charles Brackett and wife were born the following children: Louisa, Lyman M., Rosanna, Mary and Charles W. In 1869, the widowed mother of these five children became the wife of the late E. E. Cowgill, who in his day was one of the best and most useful citizens of Fulton county. Unto his marriage to Mrs. Dr. Charles Brackett were born two children; the first, a son, died at the age of five years; the second, a daughter, Edith, survives as his only descendant. His widow became the wife of Dr. Vernon Gould, of Rochester, and is still living. Mr. Cowgill was born near Wilmington, Clinton county, Ohio, April 21, 1830. He was a son of Asa and Margaret Cowgill. His parents and grandparents were Virginians, of English lineage. Mr. Cowgill became an orphan at a very early age, and was reared by his father's brother. He made his first business adventure at Peru, Ind., where he met with but indifferent success. At Peru he married, in 1862, Miss Nellie Rayburn, who lived but a year after the event, and bore him no children. Shortly after the war Mr. Cowgill located in Rochester, and engaged in the lumber trade, in which he continued to the time of his death, which occurred Aug. 1, 1882. He was very successful in business, and at the time of his death had accumulated large wealth. He was beloved by all who knew him. In him the subject of this sketch, together with his brother and sisters, found a generous friend and kind father, when he became the husband of their widowed mother. To his example, counsel and assistance





they ascribe a large share of the advantages they have enjoyed, and in return they cherish his memory as a rich heritage.

DAVID BRIGHT is a native son of Fulton county and one of its most progressive and popular citizens. He was born July 17, 1846, and belongs to one of the pioneer families of this locality. His grandparents, David and Fannie Bright, were natives of Kentucky and of English lineage. In 1833 they removed to Wayne county, Ind. Their second son, William Bright, who was born in Kentucky Oct. 12, 1821, accompanied them to the Hoosier state, and on March 18, 1841, married Mahala Lane, daughter of Isaiah Lane, a native of Virginia. In 1844 they came to Fulton county, and their home was brightened by the presence of six children—Milo, John, David, Fannie, Adeline and William H. Adeline is the widow of Irvin Black. David Bright was reared in the parental home and received only such educational privileges as were afforded in the primitive log school house of the frontier. He was married Feb. 16, 1871, to Frederica, daughter of Andrew Gast, a native of Bavaria, and a shoemaker by trade. Her father was married in New York city, and after some years' residence in Fremont, Ohio, came in 1853 to Akron, Ind., where he died Sept. 14, 1876. His wife passed away a month later. Mr. and Mrs. Bright have four children—Homer A., aged twenty-three, and Daisy E., aged nineteen, both engaged in teaching; Maud, fourteen year of age; and Ernest, a lad of twelve. At the time of his marriage David Bright began farming on his own account. He built a little cabin in the woods, and began the arduous task of hewing out a farm in the midst of the forest. He had not even a team, but borrowed a horse as he had need for it. The next season his father gave him one, but it died just at the time when he had most use for it. By work at the carpenter's trade he secured the money necessary to improve his farm. Where once stood the dense forest are now seen waving fields of grain, and the little log cabin has been replaced by a comfortable and pleasant residence, while substantial barns and other outbuildings have been erected, adding materially to the value of this fine farm. Mr. Bright has been called to serve the public in the capacity of township trustee, having been elected as a democratic candidate in 1890, although the district is strongly republican, a fact which indicates his personal popularity. He is a progressive man, and has caused to be erected new bridges and school houses, including the fine school building in Akron, which will stand as a monument to his foresight for many years to come.

DR. ANGUS BROWN, of Rochester, comes directly from the Gaelic through his father, Hugh Brown, born in the Highlands of Scotland. Hugh Brown emigrated from his native land in 1832, and joined his thousands of countrymen in the queen's dominion on this side of the Atlantic. He brought with him his devoted wife, nee Christina McEachren,



and domiciled in Glengary county, Lower Canada. He re-engaged in farming, the pursuit of his boyhood, and provided comfortably for and educated plainly his large family. Of his sixteen children the following are living: Catherine, wife of Robert Thacker, North Dakota; Hugh, Morgan Park, Ill.; Niel, Buffalo, N. Y.; Margaret, wife of a Mr. Coleman, London, Canada, and John, Strathroy, Canada. The father died in 1867, aged eighty-eight. Dr. Angus Brown was the twelfth child. His birth occurred in Glengary county, Feb. 14, 1832. He chose medicine as his profession and about 1860 became a student in the homeopathic medical college at Cleveland, Ohio. He engaged in practice in 1863 in London, Canada, where he remained till coming to Rochester in 1869, being the first permanent physician of his school in the county. The doctor is a member of the state medical society. He has served a number of years as a member of the school board in Rochester, and manifested a deep concern for the cause of public education. Dr. Brown's first wife was Jane McArthur, whom he married in Canada. Their children are: Mary C., a teacher in Trinidad, Col., who engaged in the work when she was sixteen; Hugh, manager in Chicago for a Boston school-book concern, is a graduate of the university of Michigan and was for two years assistant state superintendent of public instruction of that state. Dougald, a merchant in Pontiac, Mich.; Catherine, wife of a Mr. Floyd, of Trinidad, Col.; Jane, wife of William Seller, Kokomo, Ind. Mrs. Brown died in 1867. The doctor's second marriage was in 1871 to Mrs. Lucy A. Shafer, a daughter of Chichester Chinn, a pioneer farmer in Fulton, and who died some forty years ago. This union resulted in four children: William M., married Nettie Owen; John B., Pontiac, Mich.; Archie and Edna. Dr. Brown has been a member of the Christian church since eighteen years of age.

WILLIAM BROWN, a leading farmer of Liberty township, is also one of Fulton county's pioneers. He was born in Pleasants county, W. Va., Oct. 20, 1847. He came to Fulton county ten years later and grew to manhood on a part of the farm he owns. His education was of the district sort of the days before the war. He started out for himself at twenty years of age on a twenty-acre tract of his own and aided in the cultivation of his father's farm. In a few years he bought the partly improved place of Samuel Stibbs, containing 120 acres. He has erected a commodious residence and other buildings, reduced much of the land to a producing state and purchased enough additional to make him 280 acres. Mr. Brown was married first April 9, 1868, to Mary Catherine, daughter of John Syes, who came to Indiana from Preble county, Ohio. Mrs. Brown died in May, 1869, leaving one child, John D., who is married to Annie Buckley and resides on the farm. Jan. 9, 1876, Mr. Brown married Margaret Ann Gregory. The children of this union are: William E., Walter A., Mary Hester, Arthur Lee, Charles E. and



Otto Glen. Our subject's father was John Brown. He was born in Pleasants county, W. Va., 1823, and died in Fulton county in 1877, leaving a fair estate. He was a democrat and a plain, worthy citizen. He married Elizabeth Bills, who is yet residing on the old homestead, and is seventy-two years of age. Her children are: Susana, wife of William Young, William, Martha J., married to William Floyd, and Elizabeth. Our subject's paternal grandfather was Josiah Brown. William Brown belongs to the democratic party and has served as supervisor.

ABRAHAM BRUCE, a young and enterprising farmer, residing in Union township, was born on the farm he owns and cultivates. The date of his birth was April 2, 1858. Mr. Bruce is a son of one of the pioneer settlers of Fulton county. He is a son of Abraham and Sarah A. Bruce. His father died in the year 1874, at the age of sixty-three years, and was buried in Bruce's Lake cemetery. Mr. Bruce's mother is still living and resides with him on the old homestead. Her maiden name was Sarah A. Hoch, daughter of Samuel and Helena Hoch. She was born in Union county, Pa., July 31, 1819. Her husband was born also in Pennsylvania, May 16, 1811. He and she were married in their native state in 1835, and emigrated to this county in the fall of 1837, and settled near Bruce's lake. In the spring of 1838 they located on the old homestead now owned by the subject of this mention. He entered eighty acres at first, then later entered other lands, and finally owned 1,160 acres at the time of his death. He was a blacksmith by trade, and together with farming followed his trade throughout life. He came to this county with the limited capital of \$50, but he practiced industry, enterprise and frugality and by these means grew prosperous. Politically he was a republican. From an early date he and wife were members of the Evangelical church. Unto these hardy pioneers and respectable citizens the following children were born: Daniel, Isabella, Harriet, deceased; Sarah, deceased; Robert, deceased; Julia, deceased; Abraham, Stephen and Ella M. Abraham, like others of his brothers and sisters, was reared on the farm. He has always lived on the old home place and followed farming. In 1878 he married Mary E., daughter of George and Catherine Dellenger, of Pulaski county. Mrs. Bruce was born in Ohio, but when young was brought to Pulaski county by her parents. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce has been blessed by the birth of two children, viz., Arthur C. and another that died in infancy. Politically Mr. Bruce is a republican and both he and his wife are members of the Evangelical church.

BENJAMIN BRUCE, an ex-treasurer of Fulton county, was born in this county Oct. 12, 1845. In Sept. 8, 1798, Jacob Bruce was born in the state of Pennsylvania. His death occurred in Fulton county Jan. 13, 1872. Jacob was a son of John Bruce, born in Scotland. John Bruce, after coming to America, settled at Philadel-



phia, where he plied his trade, that of a tinner, grew prosperous and lived many years. He had several sons and daughters, of whom the following came to Fulton county, and here died. The first to come was Stephen Bruce, who came in 1837, and settled at the southeast corner of what is now called Bruce lake, in Union township. The lake received its name in his honor, but was called Kewanna by the Indians, in honor of one of their chiefs. In 1840 the above named Jacob Bruce came to the county and settled in the southwest corner of Aubbeenaubbee township. His sister and her husband, George Ultz, came to the county still later. In Pennsylvania Jacob Bruce married Hettie, a daughter of Christophal Wentzel, the father of Edward Wentzel, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume. Hettie Bruce, nee Wentzel, was born in Pennsylvania, Sept. 9, 1809. She died in this county, Sept. 11, 1871. She bore her husband the following offspring: Louisa, deceased; Edward, deceased; Mary, deceased; Benjamin, the subject of this mention; Elizabeth, Caroline, deceased; and Elizabeth. The father of these children became an extensive farmer and was for many years one of the substantial and leading citizens of the county. On his old homestead the subject of this sketch now resides. He and his good wife were life-long members of the Evangelical church, and brought their family up in that church. Benjamin Bruce has always resided in Aubbeenaubbee township, and devoted his life to successful farming. In politics he has adhered to the principles of the democratic party. In 1890 he was elected treasurer of the county, an office he acceptably filled for one term, refusing to make a second race for the office. Oct. 1, 1868, Mr. Bruce married Mary J., daughter of William and Malinda (Lee) Moon, pioneer settlers in the county. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce have had four children, viz.: Jacob, who lived to the age of nineteen years; Willie, who died one year old; Nellie, the one surviving child, and Hettie, who died aged nine years. Mr. Bruce has lived an industrious, moral and honest life, and has won the esteem of many friends.

GEORGE W. BRUGH was born in Aubbeenaubbee township May 19, 1856. His father, Joseph Brugh, was born in Seneca county, Ohio, Sept. 28, 1822. He removed from Ohio to Steuben county, then to Fulton county, in which he settled on a farm adjoining the present farm of George W. Here his death occurred March 29, 1874. When he came to this county he came by wagon, and owned a span of horses, a wagon, and possessed but \$2.50. He grew prosperous, and at the time of his death owned a good farm of 160 acres. His widow now resides with her son, James B. Brugh, whose personal sketch is given elsewhere in this work. Joseph Brugh became the father of ten children, viz.: George W., James B., Arabella, Albert M., Edward, Lillie, Elmer, Nannie, deceased; Lucy, deceased, and Laura. All the living children are residents of Fulton county. George W., the





immediate subject of this personal sketch, remained at the parental home until he reached the age of twenty-three years. Oct. 30, 1879, he married Francis E. Hunter, daughter of Lane and Julia Hunter. This marriage has been blessed by the birth of three children, viz.: Virle, deceased; Harry O., and Oscar R., deceased. Mr. Brugh and his wife are members of the Methodist church, and in politics he has adhered to democracy. Though he began life as a poor man, Mr. Brugh has been very successful as a tiller of the soil and stock-raiser.

JAMES B. BRUGH, a son of Joseph Brugh and a brother of George W. Brugh, who is mentioned above, was born in Aubbeenaubbee township, Fulton county, on April 24, 1857. He remained under the parental roof until he was twenty years of age, and worked on the farm with his father and brothers. He began life for himself at the above age, as a partner with his brother, George W., at farming. Subsequently the partnership was dissolved and since Mr. Brugh has farmed alone. He has prospered and now owns an excellent farm of 160 acres. His aged mother resides with him, as has been noted in the sketch of George, his brother. Mr. Brugh has always been a staunch democrat, politically. He is a member of the fraternal order known as the Knights of Maccabees. He is a representative citizen, industrious and persevering, and has won the reputation of being such in the estimation of all who know him.

NOAH BRUMBAUGH, a representative farmer and citizen of Fulton county, is a native of Fairfield county, Ohio, and was born March 16, 1834. His parents were Isaac and Catherine (Zerkle) Brumbaugh. The father was born in West Virginia in 1803, and died at the home of the subject of this sketch, in this county, in 1884. He was a son of David Brumbaugh, who was of German parentage. Mr. Brumbaugh's mother was born in old Virginia. She bore her husband twelve children, of whom five are now living. The home of the family was in Fairfield county, Ohio. The father was a farmer by occupation and was a highly respected citizen. Noah Brumbaugh's youth was spent on the farm and farming has been his main pursuit. In youth his educational advantages were very poor, but through the avenues of books and papers he has become well informed on many subjects of general interest, and no man stands a warmer friend of education than does Mr. Brumbaugh. He remained under the parental roof until he was nineteen years old. Learning the carriage-makers' trade, he followed the same for about eight years, with the exception of the time he has been a tiller of the soil. At farming he has been very successful. He came to Fulton county in 1864, and located on his present farm near Kewanna. Mr. Brumbaugh and Maria Apt were united in marriage in 1862, in Fairfield county, Ohio, where she was born. Unto the union the following children have been born: Cora, once a teacher, now wife of William Mason, of Kewanna; Prof. Jesse F., graduate of DePauw



university, now principal of Brown's Valley, Minn, schools; Orpha May, graduate of Depauw university, now teaching; Nevada, teacher; David, and Gertrude. Mr. and Mrs. Brumbaugh are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and enjoy the esteem of a wide circle of friends.

GEORGE K. BRUNDIGE, county recorder, was born in Wabash county, Ind., Aug. 17, 1859, a son of Uriah Brundige, born in Ohio in 1813, and died in 1879. His life work was devoted to agriculture and was passed largely in Wabash county. He was successful and accumulated a snug competency while yet in health. He was educated poorly, but possessed an active mind and kept himself well informed through current literature. John Brundige was his father, and a Scotch ancestry is directly referred to with much pride. Uriah Brundige married Elizabeth McGovern, whose children were: John Brundige, Missouri Valley, Iowa; William, died at twenty-two; Martha, married T. Porter, New Orleans, La.; Phoebe, died young; George K., Morton, Missouri Valley, Iowa; Byron, died young, and Novilla. Besides the ungraded schools George K. Brundige spent one year at Terre Haute, in order to better equip himself to battle with the world. He spent two years on a farm upon leaving school. He was then employed as a clerk in a hardware store, later worked for Patterson Bros. of Akron, this county, in the same capacity. In 1886 took the contract for getting out ties and other railroad stuff in this county for Powell & Lord, of Chicago. He engaged next in the insurance and real estate business, with a commission as notary public. In November, 1894, was elected to his present office by a majority of 105, and took his office a year later, for a term of four years. Aug. 27, 1886, Mr. Brundige married at Akron, Ind., Ina, a daughter of Jacob Whittenberger, of Pennsylvania German birth, whose wife was Mary McCloud. Mr. and Mrs. Brundige are the parents of one child, Harry I., born June 10, 1887, and died April 19, 1894. Mr. Brundige is making a record as a careful and efficient official, and renders satisfactory service as Fulton county's recorder.

ELMER JULIAN BUCHANAN, proprietor of the Grass Creek elevator, first saw the light of day in Fairfield county, Ohio, on April 3, 1862. Mr. Buchanan's parents were James H. and Anna W. (Macklin) Buchanan, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume in the biography of P. M. Buchanan. When Mr. Buchanan was but two years old, his parents settled in Wayne township, this county, and six years later the family returned to Ohio, and, after a stay of about four years in that state, returned to Wayne township. After attending the common schools, Mr. Buchanan attended the high school of Rochester, and then the Northern Indiana Normal for three terms. For eleven years he taught school, beginning at the age of eighteen. In June, 1891, he and D. F. Rans entered into a partnership in the grain and tile business at Grass



Creek. At the end of one year Mr. Buchanan purchased the interest of Mr. Rans, since which time he has conducted the business successfully, dealing in grain, flour, tile and salt. Aug. 30, 1892, Mr. Buchanan married Miss Florence V., daughter of John H. and Sarah Weyand, of Cass county. Politically he has been a staunch democrat, and in 1894-95 served as committeeman for the west precinct of Wayne township.

PETER MACKLIN BUCHANAN, attorney at law, Rochester, Ind., was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, Feb. 3, 1856. He is a son of James H. and Ann M. (Macklin) Buchanan. His father was born in Virginia in 1830. He died in Fulton county, Ind., in 1892. He was of Scotch descent. Mr. Buchanan's mother descended from Pennsylvania Dutch, was born in Ohio in 1835. She died in Fulton county in 1893. These parents were married in Fairfield county, Ohio, whence they removed to Fulton county in 1865. Subsequently they returned to Fairfield county, where they lived for four years. Then they returned to Fulton county, in which county they ever afterward lived. They had six children, of which three are dead. Their son, whose name introduces this brief biographical mention, was reared on the farm. His education was obtained in the country schools, the graded schools of Kewanna and the Northern Indiana Normal school. He began school teaching when nineteen years of age and taught up to 1883. He first began the study of law in 1879. He was admitted to the bar in June, 1883. He served as justice of the peace for some three or four years, then began an active practice of the law. He has gained a good clientage and ranks among the best of his profession in the county. In 1883 Mr. Buchanan wedded Miss Maggie J. Richeson. The marriage has been blessed by the birth of two sons, namely, Blythe and Harry. Mr. Buchanan is identified with the democratic party, and is a member of the Knights of Pythias order. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

SAMUEL BURCH, of Liberty township, is one of the substantial pioneers of Fulton county. He was born in Allen county, Ohio, Jan. 10, 1836. Arnold Burch, his father, was born in New England. He came to Ohio early in the century, and resided for a time at Cincinnati. He secured a contract for the construction of a part of the Cincinnati & Erie canal and moved his family to Montgomery and later to Allen county. He descended the Ohio river on a flatboat and went into Cincinnati when it contained only one blacksmith shop. He came to Fulton county in 1841, and died on the farm of S. Burch in 1863, aged over seventy. He was a successful farmer; was a whig and then a republican; was married to Mary Ewin, who became the mother of: Anna, widow of John Hoover, Chicago; Levi, this county; Sarah, deceased, married to John Patrick; William, deceased; Zora, widow of William Buck; Rhoda, deceased, married to C. R. Green; Elizabeth, married to B. Chapin.



both deceased, and Samuel. The last named secured a limited district school education. He purchased the old homestead of the heirs and has enlarged its area until now he has one of the most desirable homes in Liberty township and conducts his farm on the most approved methods. He was married first in the fall of 1862 to Sarah, daughter of Enos Hoover. She died in 1869. Soon following after the death of his wife Mr. Burch went to Iowa and spent one summer, engaged in bridge building. The next year he drove from here through to Kansas and the Indian territory on a prospecting tour and outing. May 7, 1871, after his return from the west, he married Amanda, daughter of Jacob Thompson. Their only child is Essie, wife of Albert Miller. Mr. Burch is a radical republican; is one of the moulders of sentiment as to party management in his township, and has frequently been solicited to allow his name to be used as a candidate in connection with some county office, but has persistently declined.

ISAAC BUSENBURG, one of the most progressive and substantial agriculturists of New Castle township, has demonstrated by his well spent life that success is not a matter of genius, but the reward of earnest, persistent labor, guided by good management. It is these qualities that have made him one of the prosperous farmers of Fulton county. He was born in Knox county, Ohio, April 12, 1831, a son of Peter and Nancy (Wharton) Busenburg. His father was born in Knox county, Ohio, about 1802, and died there in 1852, while the mother passed away in Fulton county, in 1879, at the age of seventy-two. Their living children are Hugh, of Green county, Ind.; Mrs. Rebecca Henry, of Fulton county; David, of Knox county, Ohio; Isaac; John, of Marion county, Iowa; and Phoebe, wife of John Scott, of Marion county, Iowa. Isaac Busenburg early became inured to the hardships of pioneer life and to the practical work of the farm. On attaining his majority he was married, going in debt eleven dollars for his wedding garments. Working by the day, he was enabled to purchase a yoke of oxen and a horse, and renting land he then began farming, cutting his hay and grain with a scythe. Removing to Fulton county, Indiana, he had barely enough money to pay the expenses of the trip. In 1860 he purchased forty acres of heavily timbered land and built a log cabin on a small clearing, at the same time entering upon the career which has marked him as an industrious, successful and honorable farmer. As his financial resources increased, he added to his land until he had two hundred and eighty acres, but he has since given sixty acres to each of his sons, who reside near him. The yield of his fields is not excelled in the township, and all of the accessories of a model farm are found upon his place. His knowledge of the best methods of draining land led to his appointment in 1881 as ditch commissioner for four years. He put in a good system of ditches in every part of the county, and then resigned after three years' service. His ex-





penditure of public funds was necessarily large, but very judicious, and won him the commendation of all concerned. On Dec. 17, 1855, Mr. Busenburg was married in Knox county, Ohio, to Rhoda, daughter of George Starkey. She died leaving a son, David. For his second wife our subject chose Nancy Dunlap, and they have one son, P. W. Mr. Busenburg is a democrat of the old school, and both he and his wife are consistent members of the Baptist church, and have many warm friends throughout the community.

PETER BUSENBURG, in his thirty-three years' residence in Fulton county has won a place among its prosperous farmers and most highly respected citizens, for his life has been such as to win him the public confidence and regard. He comes from that sturdy and valued German stock that settled in Pennsylvania during the latter part of the eighteenth century, and is a son of David Busenburg, who was born in Cumberland county, that state, in 1806. His mother bore the maiden name of Mary Dennis. She was born in 1811, and was married at the age of twenty-one. For many years the parents resided in Knox county, Ohio, and there Peter, their first child, was born Dec. 13, 1833. Their other children now living are Barbara, wife of Edward Hatfield, of Pulaski county, Kan.; Martha, wife of Hiram Messersmith, of Montgomery county, Ind.; Elizabeth, wife of E. Messersmith, of Pulaski county, Ind.; Eliza, wife of Aaron Kesler, of Marshall county, and Michael, who is living in Wilson county, Kan. The educational facilities which Peter Busenburg enjoyed were extremely limited, yet he made the most of his opportunities, and has supplemented the knowledge gained in school by reading and by that practical experience which life's lessons always bring, and which have made him a well informed man. He was married Feb. 1, 1857, in Coshocton county, Ohio, to Lavina Meredith, daughter of Isaac Meredith. She died Jan. 8, 1890, leaving five children: Jonathan and Isaac M., who are farmers of Fulton county; Tinsey, wife of L. T. Barkman, of Henry township; Mahala, wife of L. D. Pentecost, of Noble county, Ind.; and D. E., principal of the schools of Dawson county, Montana. In November, 1891, Mr. Busenburg married Sarah Bybee, daughter of Pleasant Bybee, who came to Indiana from Fayette county, Ohio. Our subject became a resident of Fulton county in 1863, and purchased one hundred acres of timber land from Hiram Troutman. He immediately began the task of clearing a place on which to raise a crop of corn. In the third of a century, which has since passed, almost the entire forest has been cleared away, the marshes and swampy places have been drained, and where once were trees and unproductive land are now seen fields of grain that tell of abundant harvests. There are also commodious houses and barns replacing the cabin and private stable, and the substantial buildings stand as monuments to the enterprise of the owner. In politics Mr. Busenburg is a democrat, and in religious belief a Baptist.



WILLIAM T. BUTLER, ex-sheriff of Fulton county, and a leading and influential citizen of Rochester, is so well and favorably known throughout this section of the state that he needs no special introduction to our readers. A native son of Indiana, he was born in Miami county, June 7, 1839, a son of William and Nancy E. (Meek) Butler, the former a native of Georgia, and the latter of Rockingham county, Va. They were descended from Irish stock, and after their marriage located in Indiana. They removed from Henry county to Miami county, and in 1843 became residents of Fulton county, where two years later the father died. The mother afterward married Minor Allen, and her death occurred in Fulton, in 1862, when she had reached the age of forty-five years. The children were: W. T., John W., of Miami county, and Sarah, who died in childhood. William T. Butler spent his boyhood days upon his father's farm and acquired his education in a primitive log school house, such as is found on the frontier, where the school was conducted on the subscription plan. When a youth of fourteen he began learning the blacksmith's trade in Fulton, Ind., under the direction of Norman L. Sterns, and on completing his apprenticeship went to Middletown, Henry county, where he carried on business on his own account. While there residing he was married, Dec. 28, 1859, to Catherine Phillips, who was born in Augusta county, Va., July 4, 1837, a daughter of David and Nancy (Weeks) Phillips, of the Old Dominion. Mr. and Mrs. Butler's living children are: Warren J., who for fourteen years was deputy sheriff of Fulton county and is now in Toledo, Ohio; Minor A., also of Toledo; Mary, wife of George Black, of Rochester; Winona, wife of John Hoover, of Rochester; and Nellie. In 1871 Mr. Butler engaged in farming in Liberty township, and profitably and uninterruptedly continued that pursuit until 1880, when his fellow-citizens, appreciating his worth and ability, called him from private life to public office. Against seven competitors he received the nomination for sheriff, and in November was elected to that office, despite the opposition of the saloon element of his own party and the presence of two other candidates in the field. His administration of the affairs of the office was most commendable. The evil doer expected no mercy at his hands and he filled the jail with criminals of all classes who had hitherto infested the county, bringing to punishment as many as seven hundred during his term. So faithfully did he discharge his duties that he was re-elected by a larger majority than was given him in 1880. He retired from office as he had entered it, with the good will, respect and confidence of all law-abiding citizens. Before retiring from office Mr. Butler became interested in the hardware business as a partner of Mr. Stockberger, but he is now devoting his attention to business in connection with his farms. He is the possessor of considerable property acquired through his own efforts and is accounted one of the substantial citizens of the community.



He is a valued member of the Masonic order and its auxiliary, the Eastern Star; is in good standing in all branches of Odd Fellowship, including the Rebecca lodge, and has membership with the order of Red Men of the Tribe of Pocahontas. His own life is exemplary in the fidelity with which he has discharged every duty, either public or private, and no man in Fulton county is held in more genuine esteem than William T. Butler.

JACOB CAMERER, one of the representative farmers of Fulton county, is a native of Clermont county, Ohio, born Feb. 5, 1824, and is a son of Daniel and Mary (Hill) Camerer, natives respectively of Fleming county, Ky., and Westmoreland county, Pa. The father was born in 1797 and died in Rush county, Ind., in 1887. The mother was born in 1800 and died in the same Indiana county in 1889. The Camerer family left Kentucky in 1807 and settled in Clermont county, Ohio, and in 1812 the Hill family proceeded from the old Pennsylvania commonwealth by way of the Ohio river, upon a flatboat to Clermont county, and here the parents of Jacob Camerer were united in marriage. In 1826 they emigrated to Rush county, Ind., and it can be truthfully stated that representatives of the Camerer family have been pioneers of Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana. Jacob Camerer, of this review, is of German descent, and the third in a family of nine children, of whom five are at this date (1896) living. He was raised upon the farm in Rush county, Ind., where he obtained a common school education. He carried on farming in that county until 1857, when he came to Fulton county and took up his residence, where he now lives, four miles southeast of Rochester. His farm at that time was almost an unbroken forest, but now it is a finely cultivated piece of land. In his neighborhood he at one time owned 350 acres, but he has given to his children so much that now he has only reserved eighty acres. Mr. Camerer was united in marriage in 1852 to Mrs. Olive (Green) Priest, a native of Franklin county, Ind. To this marriage are these four children, viz.: Henry E., Omer G. and Ada M. Politically Mr. Camerer is a democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for Gen. Cass. His views upon finance are to have both a gold and silver standard, and have both metals as legal tenders in paying all debts, and upon the question of the tariff, a revenue sufficient to meet the needs of the government, if those needs are economically administered to. He and wife are members of the M. E. church. Through a residence of nearly forty years in Fulton county, Jacob Camerer has been known as an honorable man and true citizen.

CHRISTOPHER CAMPBELL, of Aubbeenaubbee township, was born in Baltimore, Md., May 20, 1831. His parents were Jolin and Clara (Barcher) Campbell. The father was born in Scotland in 1797, and died in White county, Ill., when nearly ninety years of age. He came to America when eighteen years of age. About two years later his parents and two brothers (Angus and Donald) and



two sisters (Jeanette and Isabella) came to this country. The parents located in Pittsburg, Pa., where their deaths occurred. In Baltimore John Campbell married Clara Barcher, who was born in Amsterdam, Holland, in 1809. She died in White county, Ill., at the age of seventy-seven years. After the marriage of John and Clara Campbell they removed to Sandusky county, Ohio, where they lived nineteen years, and then (1853) came to Fulton county and settled in Aubbeenaubbee township, where they lived about six years. They then moved to southern Illinois, where the remainder of their days was spent. They were members of the Presbyterian church, and pioneers of sterling qualities. They had the following children: Daniel, deceased; Christopher, Angus, John, Edward, deceased; Clara, Jeanette, Nancy, deceased; Sarah and Isabella. The subject of this personal mention is the only one of the family now residing in Fulton county. He was about five years of age when his parents went to Ohio, in which state he grew to manhood, receiving a fair education in the old log school house. His youth was spent in aiding his father on the farm, and from boyhood he has followed farming. Along with his parents he came to this county in 1853, and under the parental roof he remained till he was married at the age of twenty-four years. Mr. Campbell has been married three times. In 1855 he married Angeline Sutley, who bore him a daughter (Angeline, now the wife of O. P. Lanner, of White county, Ill.) Mr. Campbell's second wife was Jeanette Gilcrist, who bore him these children: John, deceased; James, and John. In 1867 Mr. Campbell married Rebecca Zuck, and unto this marriage the following children have been born: Charles C., Sarah, Albert, Clara, Barch and Lucretia. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell are members of the Presbyterian church, and he is a member of the I. O. O. F. and is a demitted member of the Masonic fraternity. Politically Mr. Campbell is a staunch republican. He cast his first presidential vote for John C. Fremont. He has never aspired to political office, but has, however, served the county one term as county commissioner.

GEORGE W. CLAYTON, Rochester's efficient town marshal, was born in Fulton county, Ind., July 4, 1860. He was brought up on his father's farm and at twenty years of age decided to change his occupation for one more promising. He placed himself in the hands of Philip Hoot to learn the trade of plasterer. He has made this trade his life work and has resided continuously in Fulton county except four years, when he was temporarily absent, doing work in the states of Kansas, Nebraska, Minnesota and Iowa. May 8, 1885, Mr. Clayton married in Rochester, wedding Minnie Stiglietz, daughter of Christian Stiglietz, now of Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton's children are: Burney, L. Jay and Marie. Our subject is a son of George W. Clayton, deceased, born at Harper's Ferry, Va., 1815. He emigrated to Ohio in 1834 with his father, John Clayton, who was a miller and who died in Logan county, Ohio. Our sub-

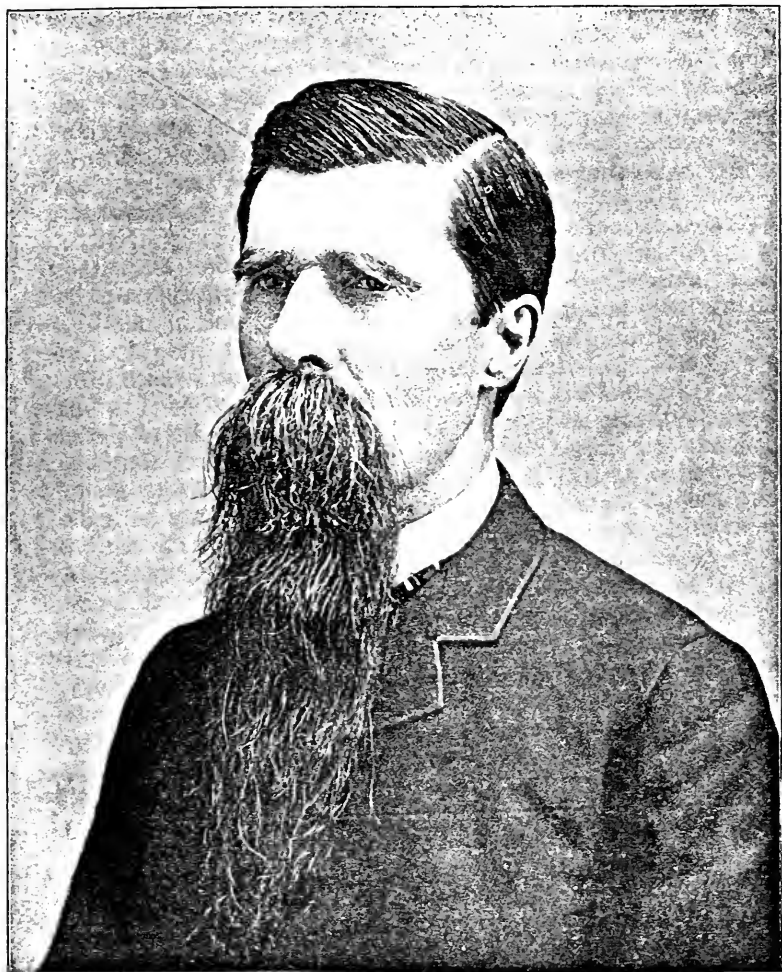




ject's father came to Fulton county in 1841 and married here, wedding Ann Hurd, a Canadian lady. He located east of Rochester, where he died in 1871. George W. Clayton is a republican in politics, and was nominated for his office against several competitors and defeated a popular democrat by 130 votes at the election held May 4, 1896. He is an I. O. O. F. and a K. O. T. M.

NEWTON J. CLYMER, M. D.—The birth of this physician and surgeon occurred March 24, 1837, in Miami county, Ind., where his parents, Joseph and Eliza (Keever) Clymer, settled as early as 1832. The father was a son of Henry Clymer, who was a native of Pennsylvania, and a cousin of George Clymer, of Declaration fame. At the close of the Revolutionary war, in which he was a soldier, he married Miss Phebe Wharton, whose father was also a soldier in the war of Independence. Subsequent to this marriage Henry Clymer came west and located on the Ohio river, becoming one of the early settlers of Cincinnati, where his son, Joseph, our subject's father, was born in 1805. Later he removed to Warren county, Ohio, where his death occurred. He was the father of six sons and five daughters. When the subject of this review was nine years of age his father died, and the care of six children was thrown upon the mother; but possessing that magnificent ingenuity with which woman is ever provided with she managed to keep her family of four sons and two daughters upon the home farm until they reached manhood and womanhood. Dr. N. J. Clymer spent his youth upon the farm. At eighteen years of age he was fortunate enough to be the teacher at a neighboring school. At twenty years of age he began the study of medicine in the office of his brother, Dr. Keever Clymer at Wawpecong, Ind., where he remained for two years, and then located for the practice of his profession in LaSalle county, Ill., but one year later returned to Indiana and located at Bourbon, and in 1862 he came to Fulton county and from that time until the fall of 1893 he was located at Bloomingsburg (now Talma), where for many years he had an extensive practice. Near this place the doctor now owns two valuable farms. Feb. 9, 1860, occurred the marriage of Dr. Clymer to Miss Leonora A. Moore, who was born at Ashtabula, Ohio, Nov. 16, 1844, a daughter of George W. and Elizabeth Moore. When she was but two years of age her parents removed to Canada, and from thence to Detroit, Mich., in August, 1849, in which year her father died, leaving the mother and the following children, viz.: Eli B., Sophronia A., Julia, George W., Anna E., M. Augusta, and Leonora A. Mrs. Clymer received her education at the schools of Buffalo, N. Y., and at Bourbon, Ind. To bless the union of Dr. and Mrs. Clymer there have come four children, viz.: Charles A., George M., Florence and Harry C. Dr. Clymer has taken an active part in social and fraternal affairs. He was one of the organizers of the Masonic lodge, No. 489 and I. O. O. F. lodge, No. 516, at Bloomingsburg. He and wife are members of the order





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of the Eastern Star and the order of the Daughters of Rebecca. Politically Dr. Clymer is a democrat. But once has the doctor sought political preferment and that was quite a number of years ago, when he was a candidate for joint representative for this county and Pulaski, and on account of the fusion of the republicans with the greenback element he was defeated by fifteen votes. He is a clean man socially and politically, and one whose character and ability stands free and unquestioned. Since November, 1893, the doctor and his amiable wife have been residents of Rochester, and are among its most highly esteemed citizens. Dr. Clymer is a successful physician, is a graduate of the Eclectic medical institute of Cincinnati; since 1870 has been a member of the Eclectic medical association of Indiana, and is a member of the Northwest medical association of Northern Indiana, of which at this time he is treasurer. July 27, 1893, he was appointed examiner for the bureau of pensions at Rochester.

JUDGE ISAIAH CONNER, one of the most favorably known citizens of Fulton county, was born in Marion, Ind., Aug. 4, 1835. His parents were Nelson and Sarah (Boots) Conner. The father was born in South Carolina, March 14, 1811, and died near Marion, Ind., March 14, 1889. He was a son of Lewis and Margaret (McLaran) Conner. Lewis Conner was a native of South Carolina, and of Irish lineage. His wife was born in Scotland. He was the father of six sons and three daughters. He was a pioneer settler of Grant county, Ind., in which county he settled in the year 1828. There he lived many years and died. His death occurred in 1869, when he was eighty-seven years of age. Sarah Boots Conner, the mother of the subject of this mention, was born in Chillicothe, Ohio, March 27, 1813. She died near Marion, Ind., March 20, 1890. She was a daughter of Martin Boots, a Pennsylvanian, of German parentage. Nelson Conner and Sarah Boots were the first white couple married in Grant county, Ind. Their marriage was solemnized April 15, 1831. They settled down in life in that county, where they ever afterward lived, till death called them away. He was a millwright by trade. To a great extent he followed his trade, but he always lived on a farm, and at the time of his death he was engaged in farming. In politics he was a staunch democrat. He and his devoted wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They had seven children, of which six are now (1896) living. Of the seven children Isaiah is the second. In the main he was brought up on the farm. His early educational training was obtained in the "Quakers' school," an institution supported by subscription funds. After leaving this school, he took an academical course at Marion, Ind. Upon leaving the academy he began the study of law at Marion, and in 1867 was admitted to the bar in Grant county, Ind. Two years later he located in Rochester, where he soon gained a large clientage, and won an enviable reputation as a lawyer. In



November of 1884 he was elected judge of the circuit court, the judicial circuit being composed of the counties of Fulton and Marshall. He held the office one term, six years, and gained equally as excellent a reputation as a judge as he had gained as an advocate before the bar. Since retiring from the office he has continued an active practice of the law. He has always been a democrat in politics, and as a citizen he has always manifested a deep interest in public affairs, taking appropriate rank with the leaders in all movements intended for public benefit. On Jan. 26, 1862, Mr. Conner wedded Miss Talitha Line, a most estimable lady, who shared with him his joys and sorrows for a period of thirty-three years, and then answered the summons of death on July 18, 1895.

E. B. COOK, general merchant at Grass Creek, was born in Marion, Grant county, Ind., March 21, 1851; and is a son of George Robert Cook, who was born in Virginia, of Scotch ancestry. George Robert Cook was married to Susan Speelman, in Wabash county, this state, in which county his and her parents were early settlers. She was born in Virginia, and bore her husband two children, namely, the subject of this sketch and George R. The children were left orphans very early in life, and the subject of this biography was reared by a maternal uncle, Jacob Speelman, a farmer of Grant county. He was given a common school education, and at the age of sixteen went west and spent four years in Wyoming as a "cow-boy." After returning to Indiana Mr. Cook accepted employment in Miami county, Ind., and there met and married (1873) Miss Isabelle Prior, daughter of John Prior, Esq. For ten years after his marriage Mr. Cook was employed by a lumber company of Logansport and resided in that city. In April, 1887, he located at Grass Creek, where he opened the first store of that place, which has since become a nice little village. Since the above date Mr. Cook has conducted a general store, with an increasing business, and in connection with this he has been also engaged in the lumber and cold storage business. He was postmaster for the village for the first six years after locating at the place and for sometime he has held the position of station agent for the Vandalia line at this point. Mr. Cook began life under adverse circumstances, being very poor, but by means of enterprise and industry he has succeeded in becoming a prosperous and representative business man. He is a representative and progressive citizen; a democrat in politics, and enjoys the confidence of a wide acquaintance. Mr. and Mrs. Cook have two children. Their elder, Myrtle M., is the wife of William N. Hendrickson, who is Mr. Cook's clerk. The younger child's name is George Robert.

G. W. COOK, of Fulton, is the leading and oldest merchant in that village. He is an active and representative republican and has filled most efficiently and acceptably the office of township trustee for two terms, being first elected in 1886 and re-elected in 1888.





His duties were such as are common to that office and were discharged zealously and in the public interest. Mr. Cook was born at Harrisburg, Pa., Nov. 10, 1850. His father, George Cook, left the keystone state when our subject was an infant and located in Circleville, Ohio. He soon moved to Columbus and in 1855 came to Indiana and settled in Fulton. G. W. Cook was schooled in the village of Fulton and finished his education with one term at Battle Ground college. Farming was his business till he was twenty-two, at which age he put his small capital into a stock of general merchandise and became a fixture as a Fulton merchant. He has continued a successful and prosperous man of business for twenty-four years. He carries a large stock, sufficient to satisfy the demands of the community. Mr. Cook was married in this township to Amanda L., daughter of Riley Martin, a Cass county farmer, now deceased. The children resulting from this union are: Flora, Bertha, Henry, Rosa, Elmer, Ray, Lee and Lalah. Our subject's father was born near Harrisburg, Pa. He died in Fulton about 1881, aged seventy-three. He married a Miss Albright, who is a resident of this county and is seventy-eight year old. Her children are: Catherine, wife of William Martin, of Fulton; Elizabeth, deceased, wife of Boyd Buchanan; Mary E., deceased; Hiram, deceased; Jesse, Emma, wife of Alex Hoover, near Macy, and G. W. The Cooks are Pennsylvania Germans, and settled in the keystone state very early in our history. They were thorough going and their histories would be only those of thrifty and successful toilers for bread.

ISAAC H. COOK, one of the representative citizens of Aubbeenaubbee township, was born in Crawford county, Ohio, Jan. 25, 1854. His parents were John and Rachel (Neff) Cook. His father was a native of Pennsylvania, born in 1826. He was twice married. He first married Rachel Neff, who bore him the following children and then passed away in death: David W., Mary, Sarah, George F., Emanuel, John, Isaac H., Maggie and Susan. When the subject of this sketch was a small boy he lost his mother in death. Subsequently his father married Sarah Neff, a sister of Rachel Neff. Unto this marriage one child was born, viz., Catherine L. Soon after John Cook's first marriage he moved to Crawford county, Ohio. He was an honest, toiling and respected farmer, and lived to a respectful old age, dying Feb. 10, 1895. His son, Isaac H., was reared on the farm, and was taught the lessons of industry and perseverance. He remained under the parental roof till twenty-four years of age, and then married Laura N. A. Myers, whose parents were Samuel and Elizabeth Myers. The marriage occurred in Ohio and later he came to Indiana and settled on his present homestead in Aubbeenaubbee township, where he has since grown prosperous as a farmer and gained rank among the leading citizens. He is a defined democrat, in politics, never sway-



ing from the principles of the party. His wife, who is a most estimable lady, is a member of the Lutheran church, but Mr. Cook is a member of the M. E. church.

OLIVER E. COOK was born in Union township, Fulton county, on Feb. 2, 1850. He is a son of William and Electa (Richardson) Cook. William Cook was born Feb. 15, 1815, in the city of Bristol, England. He immigrated to the United States when sixteen years of age, and located in Muskingum county, Ohio, where he was engaged at the painter's trade, until failing health caused him to abandon that pursuit. He was left an orphan at a tender age, and his early years were passed under the guardianship of those who were utter strangers to him, and had not the interest of kinsmen in his welfare. Owing to this fact he grew up without educational advantages, and until after his marriage he was unable to write his name. But he possessed a mind naturally bright, and this, aided by the knowledge acquired from books in after years, qualified him to engage intelligently in the duties of an active life. Having abandoned the trade of painting, he engaged in agricultural pursuits, at which he continued until the close of his life. On Nov. 7, 1884, he was united in marriage with Miss Electa Richardson, in Marion county, Ohio, returning at once to his farm in Muskingum county, where he resided with his wife until 1849. In that year they came to Indiana and took up their abode among the pioneers of Fulton county. Mr. Cook purchased 160 acres of unimproved land in Union township, and erected upon it a log cabin, in which his family had their home until the present residence succeeded it. He devoted himself manfully to his work until his farm was cleared, and in the years that followed he amassed, by honest and industrious toil, a comfortable fortune, giving to each of his children \$550 as they reached maturity. He was quiet and unobtrusive in his manners, and honorable and upright in all his dealings. He was respected and esteemed wherever he was known, and was recognized as one of the best citizens of the community in which he lived. He died on April 10, 1876, mourned by a large circle of friends and a loving family. His wife, who still survives, was born Aug. 14, 1823, in Muskingum county, Ohio, and is the daughter of Manning and Lucinda Richardson. At the age of four years she accompanied her parents to Marion county, Ohio, where she resided until her marriage with Mr. Cook. She is an estimable lady, and has been a devoted wife and mother, rearing a family whose members are all recognized among the best citizens of the community. She has survived the hardships of pioneer life, and lives to enjoy the era of prosperity that has followed them, while she holds a warm place in the hearts of all who know her. Her family consists of five sons and one daughter—Jehiel A., Oliver E., Emma F., Francis M., William H. The subject of this sketch began life for himself at the age of twenty-one years. After spending a brief period in Illinois, where he learned



photography, Mr. Cook returned to Fulton county, and since then has been actively and successfully engaged in farming and stock raising. Nov. 2, 1876, he married Margaret J., a daughter of Thomas and Agnes Wilson, father and mother of James H. Wilson, elsewhere mentioned in this work. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Cook the following children have been born: Charles F., Hugh W., Nettie, Elmer, Mabel Agnes and Cecil Earl. Mr. and Mrs. Cook are active members of the Methodist church, to which they have given material support.

M. V. COPLEN, farmer and miller of Bloomingsburg, belongs to that class of representative American citizens who promote the public welfare while advancing individual prosperity. He was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, a son of James Coplen, who was born in the same state and was a blacksmith and farmer. He died in June, 1893, in his ninetieth year. The mother bore the maiden name of Betsy Horton, and by marriage had eleven children, of whom the following survive: Ceramus, a farmer of Nebraska; M. V.; Gilbert, who served his native county as recorder, and is now in Nebraska, and Orange, who is still living in Coshocton county. Mr. Coplen of this review became familiar with all the labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist in his childhood days, and began farming for himself on rented land in Coshocton county. After a year he came to Fulton county, Ind., locating four miles southeast of his present home. In connection with farming he also operated a saw mill. About a quarter of a century ago he removed to a farm west of the river, where he has since maintained his residence. He to-day owns three hundred and seventy acres of rich and arable land, which is yielding him a good return for the labor bestowed upon it. In 1893 he purchased a grist mill in Bloomingsburg, which he has since profitably operated in connection with his other business, and his well directed efforts and untiring labors have brought to him a handsome competence. In January, 1860, Mr. Coplen was married to Sarah Severns, daughter of William Severns, by whom he has two children—Wilson, who married Ellen Burkett; and Elmer, who married Frances Rodabaugh. Both reside in Fulton county. The parents are members of the Christian church, and are most highly esteemed people. Mr. Coplen is one of the staunch adherents of democracy, is recognized as a leader of his party in the township, and by his fellow-citizens was elected to the office of county commissioner, where he discharged his duties in a most prompt and capable manner..

JAMES COSTELLO, a farmer and ex-soldier, was born in Hamilton, Butler county, Ohio, Nov. 20, 1844. His father, Patrick Costello, was born in county Leitrim, Ireland, March 26, 1807, and died in Fulton county March 23, 1863. Patrick Costello came to America when about eighteen years of age. He first lived in Cleveland, and later was employed in a packing house at Cincinnati.



Becoming a railroad and pike road contractor, he grew prosperous, but reverses came upon him, and in 1853 he came to Fulton county and located in Wayne township, where he farmed until his death. At Hamilton, Ohio, Patrick Costello married Ann Guckien, who was also born in county Leitrim, Ireland, May 2, 1809. She died in this county April 16, 1891. She bore her husband the following children: Ann, James, George, Thomas, deceased; Charles, Mary, John W. and Catherine. The parents were members of the Roman Catholic church. James Costello, whose name heads this mention, was reared on the farm, and farming has been his life pursuit. Oct. 3, 1861, he enlisted in company C, Sixteenth United States infantry. He participated in the battles of Shiloh and Stone river, and was then transferred to Company F of the same regiment. This company became a part of company C on account of being broken up in battle. Mr. Costello was in action at Hoover's Gap, then Chickamauga, Mission Ridge, advance on Atlanta and his last engagement was at Jonesborough. Nov. 3, 1864, he was discharged by reason of the expiration of his term of enlistment. His captain, Robert P. Barry, in the discharge, bore testimony to his services, saying that his character was good and that he acted as teamster for the greater part of his enlistment. In 1866 Mr. Costello married Anastasia Hoynes, born in Kilkenny county, Ireland. She bore him the following children: Annie, music teacher; Patrick, farmer and resident of Union township; George, teacher, graduated at Indiana State Normal; Mary, teacher; Martha, teacher; Paul, farmer and Charles. Mrs. Costello died July 1, 1881. The family belongs to the Roman Catholic church, and in politics Mr. Costello has voted with the democratic party. He owns a very fine farm of 220 acres, which he has greatly improved.

JOHN W. COSTELLO, a young and thrifty farmer and stock raiser and dealer, of Wayne township, was born in Butler county, Ohio, June 6, 1852. He is a son of Patrick Costello and a brother of James Costello, who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume. The subject of this sketch was brought up on the farm and given a common school education. At the age of seventeen years he began the battle of life for himself. He began farming on very limited means, but nevertheless he has grown prosperous, and now owns a fine farm of 400 acres. He has dealt in stock to a considerable extent, and in business adventures he has been very successful. He was married to Margaret Maroney Jan. 23, 1883. The marriage has been blessed by the birth of six children, as follows: Mary Ann, born Feb. 26, 1884; Catherin Ellen, born Aug. 4, 1885; George Martin, born April 13, 1887, and died Nov. 9, 1887; Walter Edward, born Oct. 31, 1888; John William, born Oct. 28, 1890; Patrick Joseph, born March 12, 1893; and Clara Margarette, born Sept. 28, 1895. Mrs. Costello was born April 14, 1859. Mr. and Mrs. Costello and their children are members of the Roman Catholic church







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and are among the leading families of the community in which they live. Mr. Costello is democratic and is a member of the order of the Knights of the Maccabees.

**HON. WILLIAM H. DAVIDSON**—This pioneer and honorable citizen of Fulton county, was born in Adams county, Ohio, July 13, 1815, and came to this county in June, 1836. A short time thereafter he began clearing a farm in the northern part of Rochester township. The fall and winter seasons of 1836-37 and 1837-38 he attended a school in Tippecanoe county and in the spring of 1838 he taught school in Fulton county. In 1852 Mr. Davidson went to California, where he spent a few years and then returned to Fulton county. The life of Mr. Davidson has been distinctively that of a farmer and for many years he was one of the most extensive farmers of this part of Indiana and, at one time, owned more than 1,000 acres of land in Fulton county. In 1878 he built in Rochester the Academy of Music, which he still owns. In politics he has been a life-long democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for Martin Van Buren in 1836. In 1881 he was elected to the Indiana senate, from the district composed of the counties of Fulton and Marshall. He served his district faithfully through the two regular and one extra session of the legislature. He believes in an honest dollar, good everywhere, and a tariff for revenue only. He has been twice married; first in 1837, to Miss Elizabeth Robbins, and second in 1840 to Miss Nancy S. Chinn. To this latter union are these living children, viz.: Andrew J., Timander, Arizona, Franklin P., David T. and Robert L. Mr. Davidson has been a resident of this county for sixty years and is one of its most highly respected citizens.

**WILLIAM HENRY DENISTON**—Mr. Deniston is a native of Preble county, Ohio, born July 29, 1846. He is a son of Ethan A. and Mary Ann (Jerdon) Deniston. The former was born in Preble county, Ohio, in October, 1821, and now resides in Miami county, Ind. By occupation he has been a miller and for many years operated a mill at Mexico, Miami county, Ind. The mother of Mr. Deniston was born in Pennsylvania in 1820, and died in Miami county, Ind., in 1869. The family came to Indiana in 1848 and settled in Miami county, where the subject of this review attended the public schools and later took a business course at Purdy's college at Lafayette, Ind. He grew up in the milling business in his father's mill and became a practical miller. In 1869 he came to Rochester and engaged in the grocery business, which he continued for about one year and then began the agricultural implement business, which he continued for some three years and then until 1890 he was engaged in the hardware business. In the year last named he was, by a majority of 203, elected to serve four years as auditor of Fulton county. His term of service began March 4, 1891, and continued until March 4, 1895. As a public official he gave the people entire satisfaction and left the office with the trust imposed



in him faithfully and courteously discharged. In the spring of 1895 he, as a member of the firm of Deniston & Caffyn, engaged in the grain business. In politics he is a democrat and has always supported the principles of that party. The marriage of Mr. Deniston took place in 1866 to Miss Maria Hoover, who was born in Cass county, Ind. Mrs. Deniston is a daughter of John and Rachel M. Hoover. The former was born in Ohio in 1808 and died in Cass county, Ind., in 1872, while the mother was born in Wayne county, Ind., in 1811, and died in Cass county, Ind., in 1894. To this union is one son, Arthur Leroy. He is a member of Rochester lodge, No. 47, I. O. O. F., and Fredonia lodge, No. 122, K. of P., and he and wife are members of the M. E. church.

ASA W. DEWEESE, who was born in Miami county, Ohio, in 1826, is descended from sturdy ancestry, from rock-ribbed Wales, the family being founded in Maryland. His grandfather, James Deweese, was born in Virginia, and emigrating to Pennsylvania, there married Elizabeth Whitlock. By trade he was a blacksmith. The father of our subject was born in Pennsylvania, in 1804, and, going down the Ohio river, settled in Fairfield county, that state. He married Amy Blue, daughter of Michael Blue, and she is now living in Peru, Ind., at the age of eighty-eight. Their children are: Asa W.; Lucinda, widow of H. Bryan; Isabel, widow of William Bryan; Nancy, widow of Oliver Longstreet; Michael, deceased; Elizabeth, wife of A. Marrs; James L., of Peru, Ind.; Louisa, wife of B. Burton; Diodema, wife of Daniel Gordon; Clarinda, wife of Mat Jones; and Susanna, wife of George Rouch. Asa W. Deweese was reared and educated in Shelby county, Ohio, and in 1854, with an ax and rifle upon his shoulder started for Fulton county, Ind. He secured a farm in the forest near the town of Fulton, where for two years he labored faithfully, preparing a home for his future bride. He was married May 29, 1856, to Emeline Russell whom he at once brought to the new farm, and who died two years later. Mr. Deweese was again married Jan. 1, 1863, his second union being with Mary A., daughter of Burriss H. Butler. Her father was born in Georgia, in 1806, was reared near Richmond, Ind., and came to Fulton county in 1841. Mr. and Mrs. Deweese have two children—Emily B., wife of Charles Martin, of Marion, Indiana; and Charles B., who is living at the old homestead owned by his father. This is one of the fine farms of the county, made so by the earnest labors of Asa W. Deweese, who is recognized as one of the most progressive and energetic agriculturists of Fulton county. In his political views he is a democrat, and has not failed to vote at a democratic primary or election for forty-three years. He has twice served as county commissioner, receiving a largely increased majority at his second election, which was a high testimonial of his faithful performance of duty during his first term. He retired from



office in 1895, as he had entered it, with the confidence and good will of all.

**WILLIAM DOWNS**, farmer and lumber manufacturer, is a native of Jennings county, Ind. He was born Oct. 26, 1838, and is a son of George and Ann (Black) Downs. The father was born in Ohio, and died in Fulton county, Ind., in 1892, at about eighty-six years of age. The mother was born in Pennsylvania and died in this county in 1886. The Downs family came to Indiana in 1838 and settled in Jennings county, and during the late war the parents of William Downs came to Fulton county. Mr. Downs grew up on the farm and received his schooling in the primitive schools of Jennings county. In 1861 he enlisted in Company B, Sixth Indiana volunteer infantry. He took part in the battles of Perryville, Salt Creek Knob, Atlanta, and many other less important engagements. Not until the surrender of Lee at Appomattox court house was Mr. Downs mustered out of service. The war over, he came to Fulton county and since that time has resided upon the Michigan road, about one mile south of the court house. He is one of the county's leading farmers and now owns 318 acres of well improved land, all located within three miles of Rochester. For some six months after coming to Fulton county he worked at the carpenter trade and then engaged in the saw-mill business. For thirty years he has been manufacturing lumber in this county. In 1896 he was appointed superintendent of the Michigan gravel road. He was united in marriage in 1866 to Miss Susan Brown, who was born in Jennings county, Ind., Sept. 24, 1843. Her parents were early settlers of Jennings county, Ind.; and both died there about twelve years ago. To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Downs are these three sons and two daughters, viz.: John G., James, William K., Maude and Almeda. The republican party has always had the loyal support of Mr. Downs and he is a member of McClung post, No. 95, G. A. R., and of the order of I. O. O. F. Mrs. Downs is a member of the Baptist church. Mr. Downs is one of the progressive men of this county and the success he has attained has come through his own well directed efforts.

**H. S. DRAKE**, one of the defenders of our country and flag, was born in Steuben county, New York, in 1838; son of Leonard and Elizabeth (Cleveland) Drake, natives of Vermont. The father was born in 1804 and died in Michigan at nearly eighty-nine years of age, while the mother died in Erie county, Ohio, at seventy-two years of age. The Drake family settled in Erie county, Ohio, in 1843. Mr. Drake first attended the public schools and later spent some time at Oberlin college. He continued on the farm until Aug. 6, 1862, when he enlisted in Company G, One Hundred and First Ohio volunteers infantry for three years, or during the war. At the battle of Chickamauga, September, 1863, Mr. Drake was seriously wounded, having been shot through the left forearm. Other important battles





in which he participated may be mentioned: Kennesaw mountain, Mission Ridge and Lookout mountain. He was a true and brave soldier. The conflict over, he returned to Ohio, where he resided until 1873, when he came to Fulton county, Ind., and since then has been engaged in farming about two miles southeast of Rochester, where he now owns a well improved farm of 115 acres, besides which the family have some valuable property in the city of Rochester. The marriage of Mr. Drake occurred Dec. 25, 1866, to Miss Norris, a native of county Tipperary, Ireland, born in 1841. In 1846, in the company of her father, Patrick Norris, she came to the United States and settled in Erie county, Ohio. Her father died at Toledo, Ohio, at about sixty-five years of age. To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Drake are these three living children, viz.: Benjamin, who spent two years at the university of Michigan, and is now living at Hammond, Ind.; Charles, an 1893 graduate of the university of Michigan and now a teacher of science in the high school at Alpena, Mich., and Fred, who is also a graduate of this noted western university, in the school of pharmacy department and is now engaged in the practice of his profession. Mrs. Drake was educated at Oberlin college, and for some time was engaged in teaching. She is a woman of strong force of character and believes in a continuous, progressive education. She is a member of the M. E. church. In politics Mr. Drake is an uncompromising republican, a member of McClung post, No. 95, G. A. R., and a member of the Masonic fraternity. He is a man of a pleasing personality and public spirit.

NATHANIEL DUDGEON, present chairman of the board of commissioners for Fulton county, a native of Washington county, Pa., was born Sept. 22, 1831, and is a son of William and Mary Ann (Jones) Dudgeon. The father was born in Maryland in 1803 and died in Holmes county, Ohio, in 1872. The mother was born in Washington county, Pa., in 1811, and died in Holmes county, Ohio, in 1873. In 1832 the family settled in Ohio, having removed from Pennsylvania. The early boyhood of Nathaniel Dudgeon was spent upon his father's farm. He obtained a common school education at the Ohio public schools. At sixteen years of age he began learning the carpenter trade, at which he continued in Ohio until 1852, when he came to Fulton county. Here he remained one year and then removed to Cass county, where he lived until 1857, when he came again to this county and settled on his present farm, five miles north of Rochester. He continued the carpenter business until 1857, since which time he has been engaged in farming. He now owns 371 acres of highly cultivated land and is considered one of the best and most successful farmers in Fulton county. Politically Mr. Dudgeon has been a life-long democrat, and for many years he has taken an active part in the affairs of that party. In 1890 he was elected to the office of commissioner from the third district. This position he has ably filled for more than five years.





NATHANIEL DUDGEON.





MRS. NATHANIEL DUDGEON.



During his second term the magnificent new court house of Fulton county has been erected, and during his term of almost six years many substantial improvements have been made in the county. In 1856 he was united in marriage to Miss Harriet E. March, a native of Berks county, Pa., born Feb. 12, 1831. Mrs. Dudgeon is a daughter of Jacob and Rachel March, natives of Pennsylvania. Her father was born in 1803 and died in Fulton county, Ind., in 1879, and her mother was born in 1803 and died in this county in 1874. To Mr. and Mrs. Dudgeon were born these children, viz.: Orton W. and Alburtus H. Orton W. was born in Fulton county in 1857 and died in this county in 1893. In 1883 he was united in marriage to Miss Carrie E. Miner. To this union are these children, viz.: Fred Ort, Nina Odessa, Georgia, Ethel and Nathaniel. Mr. and Mrs. Dudgeon are among the leading and most highly respected citizens of Fulton county.

LEWIS ELY, proprietor of the lumber mill at Bloomingsburg, is one of the best known citizens of New Castle township. In his business career he has met with many difficulties, but his industry and energy triumphed over these. He was born in Knox county, Ohio, Dec. 17, 1837, a son of Benjamin Ely, who was born in Washington county, Pa., Dec. 15, 1810. His mother was Maria daughter of Joseph and Katherine (Hull) Staats, the former born in Virginia, in 1790, of German parentage, while the latter was born of Irish parentage in 1795. Throughout his life Benjamin Ely followed farming, and died Nov. 11, 1882, leaving the following children: Lewis, Homer, George W., Joseph S., Katherine, Maria, Rebecca J., Benjamin B., Sarah O. and Zipporah. The grandfather of our subject, Peter Ely, was born in Pennsylvania, April 22, 1785, and was married Nov. 9, 1809, to Mary Horn. In 1813 he removed to Knox county, Ohio, where he died, leaving eight children, Benjamin being the eldest. Our subject received but meagre educational discipline, but was reared to habits of industry. He was married Sept. 30, 1860, to Susan A. Bell, and the following year, accompanied by his brother Homer, came to Fulton county, where, in connection with S. Ely, he engaged in the manufacture of lumber. In 1863 he bought out his partner, but soon after sold the entire plant, and in company with Israel Stuckey contracted for a new mill from the factory. This was located a mile and a half from Bourbon, Marshall county, and was to be put on trial for thirty days. Just before the expiration of the month the boiler exploded, killing one man and seriously injuring Mr. Stuckey, who at once retired from the business. The accident lost Mr. Ely \$1,000, but within thirty days a new boiler had been put in and work was resumed. The succeeding fall he was drafted for service in the army, but sent a substitute and continued the business, being joined by French Fisher, who invested \$1,200 and became a partner in the enterprise. In January, 1865, the mill was moved four miles west of Plymouth, and





by fall Mr. Ely had paid off all indebtedness with the exception of \$200. The mill was then moved north of Plymouth and he purchased his partner's interest, and soon accumulated a surplus of \$1,000. He sawed logs for his late partner, but the money was not forthcoming, and he soon found he was a creditor to the amount of \$1,700. In 1868 he removed the mill to an eighty-acre tract of timber near Bloomingsburg, owned by Mr. Ely and Mr. Fisher, and as the lumber was manufactured it was stored in a yard. In 1869 Mr. Ely lost his home and its contents by fire. In 1871 the firm bought forty acres of timber which they manufactured into lumber. The same year they made an agreement to remove their mill to Roann, and when this was partially accomplished word was received that the material still on the old site was all destroyed by fire. About the same time Mr. Ely's partner died, adding greater indebtedness to him. He continued his work in Roann, by forming a partnership with M. W. Downey and J. V. Bailey, manufacturing barrel staves at Walnut station. After six months he bought out his partners and removing his mill from Roann, located both plants three miles northwest of Bloomingsburg, where he contracted to cut 300 acres of timber for Mr. Downey, remaining there four years. Within that time Mr. Downey died and Mr. Ely thereby suffered a loss of \$6,000. In 1876 he located in Bloomingsburg, and soon built up an extensive and profitable business in the manufacture of lumber, shingles and firkin staves. On Dec. 31, 1880, his mill was destroyed by fire, but soon rebuilt and by December, 1882, had paid off every dollar of indebtedness. He is still successfully engaged in the lumber trade, and in addition he owns considerable valuable farming and other property. Eight years ago he successfully anchored a suspension foot bridge over the Tippecanoe river, with a span of 265 feet between piers, after the task had been pronounced impossible. Mrs. Ely is the daughter of Rev. Benjamin and Mary Bell. The former was born in Green county, Pa., in 1812, and died in Licking county, Ohio, in 1884. The mother of Mrs. Ely was Mary Moore, born in Ohio about 1813, and died in Knox county, Ohio, in 1859. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Ely was William Moore, a soldier in the war of 1812, who died in Iowa in 1881, aged 101 years. To Mr. and Mrs. Ely have been born the following children: Mary M., who became the wife of Reuben Kesler, Oct. 4, 1879, and died July 26, 1887, leaving two children—Linnie D. and Earl; Flora D., who became the wife of Levi Bybee, March 6, 1884, and has two children—Noma D. and Devane L.; Elmer E., who married Allie Miller, July 15, 1886, and has five children—Cleo, Millie D., Claude, Dean E. and Merl; George E., who was born Nov. 10, 1869, married Providence Brown, and has two sons, Russell E. and Byron E.; Lewis O., who was married March 15, 1890, to Irene Barrett; and Charles Morgan, who was born April 29, 1885. Mr. Ely is a prominent Odd



Fellow in politics is a democrat, and has served his township as justice of the peace.

JOHN H. ELLIS, the son of John and Letitia (King), was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, Oct. 20, 1851. The father, John Ellis, was the son of Robert and Nancy Ellis, and was born in the above named county Sept. 18, 1819. His father, Robert, was born and married in Wales, then migrated to America and settled in Ohio. Robert died when John was but four years of age. John Ellis went to live with one Jonathan Renick, and resided with this gentleman until he was twenty-eight years of age. In the meantime he had hired to various persons by the month driving cattle over the mountains to New York and Buffalo markets. He followed this until his marriage, which occurred in 1847. He had saved enough money in the meantime to buy 160 acres of land. He lived on this farm some six years and then sold it and came to Indiana and purchased 330 acres in Aubbeenaubbee township, Fulton county, where he remained until his death. This land is still owned by his heirs. He died March 18, 1875. He was the father of the following children: Martha, John H., Nancy, deceased; Margaret, Bessie, Robert, James, deceased; Andrew, deceased; Emmet, deceased, and Clara L. The father was a very ambitious and hard-working man, and his death came earlier than it would have had he not labored so hard in his time. He was a soldier in the Mexican war. John H. remained with his parents until he was thirty years of age, at which age he was married to Elva Swihart, June 5, 1883. To this marriage have been born two children, an infant and Ray, both deceased. John H. was heir to thirty-one and one-half acres and he bought the respective shares of two sisters, and now owns 103 acres. He and his wife are members of the M. E. church. He has always been a staunch democrat in politics.

F. M. ERNSPERGER—The gentleman whose name introduces this biography was born in Sandusky county, Ohio, Dec. 6, 1836. His father, Christopher Ernsperger, was born in Maryland Dec. 12, 1812, and died in Rochester, Ind., in 1877. By occupation he was a farmer. The mother of F. M. Ernsperger is Julia Ann (Ensminger) Ernsperger, who was born in Pennsylvania, and now (1896), at eighty-six years of age, resides in Rochester. The Ernsperger family came to Fulton county in 1858. Mr. Ernsperger is the third eldest in a family of ten children, of whom nine are living. He obtained a good common school education and at twenty-one years of age began teaching school in his native Ohio county, and upon coming to Fulton county, he continued teaching during the winter season until he had closed his thirteenth school term, counting the time taught in Ohio. In 1864 he enlisted in Company G, One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Indiana volunteer infantry, and served until the close of the war. He was mustered out of the service at Camden, Del., and is now a member of McClung post, No. 95, of Rochester.



Since the war he has been engaged in farming and now owns a fine farm of 120 acres two miles northwest of Rochester. Politically Mr. Ernspurger has always supported the policy and principles of the democratic party. His views upon finance are for bimetallism, and upon the tariff he believes in a revenue sufficient to meet the present and increasing legitimate expenses of the government. Mr. Ernspurger served five years as assessor of Rochester township, and in 1891 was elected trustee of this township and served for five years. Although the township is about one hundred republican, he was elected by a majority of twelve, thus attesting his popularity. In 1859 he was united in marriage to Miss Ida A. Wiley, a native of Fulton county. To this union are the following living children: Della, Bell and Fred. Mr. Ernspurger is a successful farmer and man of affairs.

HON. MICHAEL L. ESSICK, a lawyer and citizen of excellent reputation, was born in Ohio, Feb. 20, 1834. His parents were Samuel and Grizella (Todd) Essick. They were natives of Pennsylvania. He was of German and Scotch descent; while she was of Scotch and Irish lineage. The name Essick is of German origin. Mr. Essick's parents were married in their native state about the year 1830. Immediately after their marriage they moved into Ohio, where they lived until 1839, in which year they moved into Indiana, and settled in Miami county, where they continued to reside till death ended their long and useful careers. The father died in the year 1878, and thirteen years later the mother's death occurred. They had eight children, of which only three are now (1896) living. The father was a tanner by trade. Beside following his trade he was also a farmer and merchant. He was of strong force of character, a man of strong brain power, and was universally respected. Such distinguished men as Colfax, Fitch, Jernegan and others were his friends and admirers, and they were frequently his guests. He was the first abolitionist in Miami county, and his house was a station for the historic "underground railway" system, and conveyed many fugitive slaves on horseback. Many were the nights that the subject of this sketch, though then a small boy, led the fugitives on the path that conducted the slave further in his flight for freedom. Samuel Essick and his good wife are still remembered in Miami county, where they were hardy pioneers, leading most exemplary lives. They were members of the Lutheran church for many years and contributed much to the upbuilding of the church of their choice. Their son, whose name introduces this review, was brought up on the farm. The labors of his youth consisted in farm work and assisting his father in his tannery. After attending the country schools, he spent four years in Wabash college at Crawfordsville. He then studied law. In the year 1857 he went west, and on March 4 of that year landed at Manhattan, Kan. There he purchased a yoke of oxen and began hauling rock for the building of a school



house. Later he was engaged in surveying. Then he opened a law office in Manhattan, and soon afterward was elected state senator. He was a member of the senate of the session of 1861-62, and gained an enviable reputation as a legislator. He was the prime mover of the legislation that located the present state industrial school at Manhattan. In August 1862, Mr. Essick enlisted as a private in Company G of the Eleventh Kansas volunteers. In 1863 he was discharged for promotion. He was made first lieutenant in the Sixth Kansas cavalry, and later was commissioned to raise the "Leavenworth Post battery," of which he was commissioned first lieutenant. He refused the commission, and with this act his war record ended. While in the service he participated in the following engagements among others: Battles of Prairie Grove, Cave Hill, Maysville and Van Buren. At the close of the civil war Mr. Essick found himself a poor man and the prospects for money making in Kansas were not encouraging, consequently he determined to return to Indiana. In 1865 he located in Rochester, and became the owner and editor of the Chronicle, remaining as such for about three years. In 1867 he became circuit prosecutor for a judicial circuit then consisting of eight counties. He held this position for two years, performing the duties of the office with fitting ability. Since then he has been actively engaged in practice of law at Rochester. While living at Manhattan, Kan., he married (Oct. 31, 1858) Miss Ellen L. Rowley (a lineal descendant of Hannah Dusten), then teaching school near Manhattan. She was born in Ohio, but losing her parents when she was a small girl, she was brought up by a brother at Angola, Ind. She had poor educational advantages, but her love of books was strong and she educated herself by close application to her books, and became a teacher early in life. She has always been a student, and to-day she is well educated. She is of literary tastes, and has the reputation of being a good writer, though she has never made special literary efforts. She is a zealous member of the Presbyterian church, and a leader in social circles. To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Essick there are two living children. The elder, Vivian, is married and is farming in Fulton county. The younger, Samuel, is a young man of good education, and a successful career is anticipated for him by his friends. In April, 1896, Mr. Essick was nominated by the republicans for judge of the Forty-first judicial district, which is composed of the counties of Marshall and Fulton. Mr. Essick's career has been a varied experience, embracing almost every phase of man, and yet, one of extended research and thirst for knowledge.

GEORGE RINALDO FISH, the present superintendent of schools of Fulton county, was born in Marshall county, Ind., Sept. 20, 1866. He is a son of Dr. Samuel R. and Susanna (Meyers) Fish. The subject of this review first attended the common schools and later was a student at the Northern Indiana Normal school at Val-





paraiso, where, in 1891, he graduated from the classic and scientific departments. Mr. Fish began teaching in this county in 1885, and since that time he has been interested in school work. In June, 1895, he was elected county superintendent of schools for this county. The cause of education has always found in him an earnest and pronounced advocate and worker. On June 9, 1895, he was united in marriage to Miss Emily M. Treadwell, of Ann Arbor, Mich. Mrs. Fish is a graduate of the Ann Arbor high school and, before coming to Rochester, taught school one year at Milan, Mich., and upon coming here taught for one year in the Rochester schools. Mr. Fish is a Mason, member of Bloomingsburg lodge, No. 482, and a member of Fredonia lodge, No. 122, K. of P. As an educator and practical man of school affairs, it is safe to say that Mr. Fish has no superior in Fulton county.

JOHN C. FRY, of Liberty township, was born in Paulding county, Ohio, Jan. 24, 1848. He is descended from the Frys of Pennsylvania, his father, S. C. Fry, being born in the old quaker state about 1813. He emigrated to Ohio after his marriage and followed farming, his life-time vocation, till about 1859, when he came to Indiana and settled for a time near Wabash. In 1863 he came to Fulton county and lived about the town of Fulton till 1892, when he died. He was twice married. His children are: Catherine, widow of August Diehl; Josiah Fry, a merchant in Cincinnati, Ohio, and John C. Fry, all by his first wife. John C. Fry got but little schooling. His father was not full-handed enough to help his children to begin life as independents. So our subject was driven to the necessity of earning his start by working for wages. When he had saved \$600 he paid it out on the contract for eighty acres of his present farm, going \$1,400 in debt. All the years since he has given to clearing and general improvement of his premises. He owns now 110 acres and is one of the substantial and reliable men of his community. Mr. Fry was married Jan. 11, 1875 to Mary Jane Van Blarigen, who died in 1888, leaving six children—Alvin W., Arthur J., Marietta and Sarahnetta, twins; Cloe C. and Dora A. S. C. Fry's children by his second marriage are: Mary, wife of Charles Shrader, of Logansport; Sarah, married to Joe House, of Fulton county; Lillie, wife of John White, of Liberty township; Hattie, wife of Adam Britberner, of Denver, Ind., and Samuel L. Fry, in Arkansas.

JUDSON M. FULLER, a prominent farmer and resident of Union township, was born in Lucerne county, Pa., June 14, 1836. His parents were Minor and Mary (Majors) Fuller. The father was born in Lucerne county, Pa., Aug. 25, 1808. He died in Kosciusko county, Ind., Aug. 22, 1862. He was a son of William Fuller, also a native of Pennsylvania, whose father in turn was of English origin and a soldier in the revolution. Mary Majors was born in England, Feb. 1, 1807, and her death occurred in Kosciusko county, Ind.,



Sept. 21, 1857. She was a daughter of Thomas Majors, a native of England. Minor and Mary Fuller were married in Pennsylvania Aug. 23, 1832. They had the following children: Rebecca Ann, Judson M., Joseph, deceased; Ellen, deceased; Major, Mary, deceased; and Margaret, deceased. The parents settled in Kosciusko county in 1853. The father was a farmer and miller by occupation. The subject of this mention was reared on the farm, and the labors of his youth were divided between working on the farm and in the saw and grist-mill of his father. He began the battle of life for himself at the age of twenty-six years. He has always followed farming and has been very successful. He has resided in Fulton county since 1866. He owns a splendid farm of 140 acres and has added to it many improvements. He has always been a staunch republican in politics. Both he and his wife are members of the Baptist church. Their family consists of six children, viz.: Charles, Mary, Ella, Norma, Malissa and Leonard. Their first born, Wilbur by name, is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Fuller were married Sept. 21, 1862. Mrs. Fuller is a daughter of Richard and Ruth Herd, both of whom were born in England. Mrs. Fuller was born Aug. 26, 1837.

MAJOR FULLER, a farmer of Union township, was born in Lucerne county, Pa., Dec. 3, 1843. His parents were Minor and Mary (Majors) Fuller. His father was also a native of Lucerne county, Pa. He died in Kosciusko county, Ind., in the year 1862, at the age of fifty-one years. Our subject's mother was born in England, and when young came to this country with her parents. The paternal grandmother of Mr. Fuller was a sister of Col. Ethan Allen, of revolutionary fame. Mr. Fuller's parents settled in Kosciusko county in 1853, and four years later his mother passed away in death, at the age of fifty years. She bore her husband the following children: Rebecca, Judson M., Joseph, deceased; Major; Ellen, deceased; Mary, deceased, and Margaret, deceased. The parents were members of the Baptist church and were highly respected. Major Fuller was reared on the farm and to the independent pursuit of farming his entire life has been devoted. He has been very successful, achieving success by means of industry, perseverance and frugality. Mr. Fuller has resided in Fulton county since 1866. He owns a fine farm of 243 acres and raises considerable stock. He has given to public enterprise very material aid and to education and church he has always given his full share of support. He and his wife are members of the Christian church; and in politics he is a supporter of the principles of the republican party. Mr. Fuller has been twice married. He wedded Caroline Kersey in 1872. She was a native of Fairfield county, Ohio. In 1882, she died at the age of nearly twenty-nine years, leaving him the following children: Wilbirt A., Arthur C. and Franklin M., deceased. In 1887 Mr. Fuller married Elsie V. Rounds, a native of New York state.

GEORGE E. GEIER, ex-trustee of Wayne township, was born



at Logansport, Ind., March 4, 1849. He is a son of George and Mary (Rouff) Geier. The father was born in Wickersham, Alsace, Germany, July 26, 1815, and died in Fulton county Nov. 27, 1892. He was a son of Andrew Geier, who lived and died in Germany. George Geier came to America in 1839. He married in 1848, in New York state, and in the same year settled at Logansport, Ind. His wife is Mary Rouff, who was born in Germany July 5, 1822. The subject of this biographical sketch was reared to farming. He left the parental home at the age of eighteen years. For four years he followed teaming in Logansport. Dec. 28, 1871, he married and settled down in life in Carroll county, where he farmed for three years. He then moved to Wayne township, Fulton county, where he has since resided. Mr. Geier wedded Rebecca J., a daughter of John and Mary J. (Halstead) Hendrickson. Her father was a son of Jacob Hendrickson, whose personal sketch appears elsewhere in this volume. Mrs. Geier was born in Wayne township Dec. 24, 1855. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Geier has been blessed by the birth of ten children. In politics Mr. Geier has always been a staunch democrat. In 1890 he was elected trustee for Wayne township and for five years thereafter he held the office.

J. E. GIBSON & CO., Logansport, Ind.—The members of this firm are J. E. Redmond and J. E. Gibson, leading contractors of the west, who are now, March, 1896, finishing their contract upon the new court house for Fulton county. Mr. Redmond was born in the city of Baltimore, Md., Dec. 28, 1840, and came to Indiana in 1853. With but a brief intermission he has been in the building business since 1868. Mr. Redmond is one of the prominent Masons of Indiana. In Thomas H. Lynch commandery, No. 14, at Columbus, he was, in 1871, created a Knight Templar and is now a member of St. John commandery, No. 24, at Logansport. Mr. Gibson is native of Frankfort, Ky., born April 8, 1859, and has been in the contracting business since 1880. He removed to Logansport in 1884. He was made a Knight Templar in Anderson commandery, No. 32, and is now a member of St. John commandery, No. 24, at Logansport.

Among the many buildings erected by these gentlemen, either jointly or individually, may be mentioned the following: The school house and jail at Franklin, Ind., the court house at Columbus, the court house at Nashville, the court house at Crawfordsville, the court house at Washington, the court house at Clarksville, Tenn.; the addition to the Southern Indiana prison at Jeffersonville; the jail at Kokomo; the bridge over White river at Anderson; the Northern hospital for the insane at Logansport; the library building for the State university at Bloomington; the Southern hospital for the insane at Evansville; Senator Maxey's office building in Texas, and J. J. Dooley's Arcade building at Salt Lake City. Upon the completion of the Pulaski county court house, the following unsolicited letter was given this firm:



Winamac, Ind., Sept. 7, 1895.

To whom it may concern:

The new court house here was accepted and settled for by the commissioners to-day. Mr. Gibson, of the firm of J. E. Gibson & Co., has honestly and faithfully fulfilled the contract and the people here are more than pleased with the manner in which the work has been done and the building as completed. I can cheerfully and honestly recommend this firm as competent and honest contractors to persons or counties having work to be erected.

Respectfully,

GEORGE BURSON,

Judge Forty-fourth Circuit.

These gentlemen are practical builders and experts in all of its branches and sanitary engineering and are successful managers of employees, a commendable characteristic being their sturdy opposition to insobriety upon the part of any man who works for them.

ISAAC GOOD.—Among the pioneers of Fulton county no man is better and more widely known than Isaac Good. He became a resident of the county very early in life. He was the war sheriff, and it was then he made the acquaintance of and won the friendship of the Fulton county pioneers. His official duties gave him practice as an auctioneer, and when he retired to private life his popularity as an auctioneer led him to engage in the business of such. He could sell more goods in a given time than any of his competitors and talk from day to day for a fortnight. He saw much of the rough and tumble in the 40's in "frontier Indiana," and in it all and through it all Isaac Good's chief aim was provide well for those depending upon him. In 1863 he bought a small tract of land near town, which was the nucleus of his present farm. He has it improved in keeping with those of the neighborhood where he lives, and is referred to as one of the substantial farmers about Rochester. Mr. Good was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, July 28, 1826. His father, Isaac Good, had died only six weeks before this event, leaving the widow with an older daughter. She struggled along and cared for her children till about 1833, when she married Peter Sanns, born in 1812 in Ohio, and died in this county, aged fifty-nine years. There were six daughters by this union, two of whom reside in Rochester; Mrs. Philip Jenkins and Mrs. D. S. Ross. Peter Sanns left the Buckeye state with his family and reached Lafayette in the fall of 1836. He wintered there and the spring following took up his abode in Fulton county. He located a pre-emption in New Castle township, being the first white settler on Wewissa reserve. A part of this homestead is in the name of A. H. D. Gray, who married Rebecca Sanns. Isaac Good's paternal grandfather, John Good, was born in Pennsylvania. He was one of the earliest settlers in Licking county, Ohio, and built the first grist-mill there. He removed to Fairfield county some years later and built two mills there. His





death occurred in that county about 1834, when he was nearing seventy years of age. Isaac Good got but a very meager education. His experience in business being the best training he ever had. He came to Rochester in 1844 and learned cabinet making with a Mr. Kitt, and it was about this time that the first school house was being erected and to plaster which Mr. Good carried the hod. He followed carpentering and cabinet work till 1860, when his name was mentioned for sheriff by the venerable Jesse Shields. Although he had never been in politics the wisdom of Mr. Shields' suggestion was so apparent to all that he was made the democratic candidate and was elected by the margin of two votes. He was re-elected for a second term by a majority of 215. He made the county a successful and efficient officer and retired from the office with the respect of all. Sept. 15, 1850, Mr. Good married Eliza J., a daughter of Allen Nixon, who came to this county from Canada about that date. Mrs. Good died leaving the following children: Catherine, at home; A. W., farmer in this county; Sarah A., died young; Alvin H., a farmer near Rochester; Nellie, married to Isaiah Hawley, of Rochester; Susan, wife of Edward Thompson, of Rochester, and Annie and an unnamed infant, both deceased. Mr. Good's second marriage occurred in 1876 to his first wife's sister, Sarah A., widow of David Sheets. She has two sons, John B. and Allen B. Sheets, both in this county. Mr. Good has been a member of the I. O. O. F. since 1849.

EMANUEL GOSS is one of the best known citizens of Liberty township and certainly no man can say aught derogatory to his character, for he has lived by honest toil from the day on which he cast his lot with this county to his retirement from the labors of the farm in September, 1895. Mr. Goss was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, Aug. 2, 1827. His father was a farmer in poor circumstances and could do nothing for his sons when they reached an age when they must support themselves. At eighteen young Emanuel was informed of this fact by his parent and told that he could have his time to use as his own. In the month of May, 1845, he joined a neighbor, who was coming west, and agreed to drive his cow for the privilege of being in the company of the family. This man was John Plank. They reached Rochester in June and young Goss engaged to work for his cousin, Sebastian Goss, at six dollars a month. He continued to do the work of a servant for five years, saving his wages, with which he bought land at \$1.25 per acre, the government price. He entered a tract in Liberty township and moved onto it about 1850. His work of clearing up was interrupted frequently by his having to do day labor to support himself and family while a crop was growing. He could turn his willing hand to anything, being frequently called on to cry sales, at which business he seemed peculiarly fitted. In a few years his fields were large enough to support the family, and Mr. Goss was enabled to devote all his days to the improvement of his home. His 177-acre farm



is in prime condition, good buildings, good fences, good orchard, and during his forty-five years occupancy of the farm there was no funeral from his household. He gave up the farm because the "old machine" was run down. Its day was done. No more could be expected of it. It had done enough. Mr. Goss' father, Henry Goss, was born in Switzerland. His father, also Henry Goss, settled in Fairfield county, Ohio, and died there in the town of Basil, which he laid out. Emanuel Goss' mother was Ulerich Wagoner's daughter Elizabeth. Her children are: Emanuel, Annie, wife of Aaron Rouch, of Liberty township; Jonas and Tobias, both in Rochester. Emanuel Goss married Margaret Reed in 1851. Her father, Richard Reed, came from Darke county, Ohio, to Fulton county. Mr. and Mrs. Goss' children are: J. B. and Isaiah, both in Washington state; Rosie, wife of John Hagan, of Rochester township; Elizabeth, now Mrs. Willis Carter; Lyman W. and Frank J., both in Liberty township. Mr. Goss moved to Rochester in September, 1895, and will remain a retired farmer until death shall remove him. He has been a United Brethren for nearly forty years.

WILLIAM GOSS, of Rochester, is one of the recognized enterprising young men of the county. His advantages for the best general mental equipment were not in keeping with the ambitions of the boy. There seemed greater need on his father's farm of boys of strong muscles than of well-stored brain. However, he picked up such of the rudiments of an education as have enabled him to become a successful competitor in the race of life. He made his full hand on the farm early after entering his teens, and before he was twenty was the main manager of the farm. On becoming of age he followed the plow and drove the reaper for a few years, both in Rochester and New Castle townships and gradually drifted into the business of buying, feeding and shipping stock; at one time handling the bulk of that product brought to this market. Although he has dropped out as a regular shipper he is still handling cattle and trading in stock generally and in real estate. He owns a farm in Liberty township and one in Rochester, aggregating 246 acres, and besides improved property in Rochester. For a few months he was a hardware merchant in Rochester in company with J. R. Barr. His political faith is democratic. Mr. Goss was born in this county May 23, 1860. He is a son of Sebastian Goss, a well known pioneer of this county, and a farmer of influence and means. The Gosses are of German extraction, and the pioneer ancestor of this family was Jacob Goss, who came from Europe and entered land in Fairfield county, Ohio, and laid out a town on it. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. Sebastian Goss is the youngest of seven children. His mother died in 1831, aged 33. In 1833 Jacob Goss came to Fulton county and entered 280 acres and died here in 1877. Sebastian Goss was born Aug. 29, 1825. He married Elizabeth Rouch, daughter of George and Mary Rouch, Sept. 23, 1847. William



Goss married, Sept. 9, 1882, Dora Pyle, whose father, James Pyle, was born in Virginia and was killed in this county by accident years ago. Mrs. Goss was born in 1861. Her children are: Caroline and Mabel.

VERNON GOULD, M. D., one of the oldest practitioners of medicine and most favorably known citizens of Fulton county, was born near Boston, Mass., Feb. 11, 1829. His parents were Jeremiah and Mary (Copen) Gould, both of whom were born in Sharon, about fifteen miles from Boston. Jeremiah Gould was a son of Nathaniel Gould, also a native of the Bay state. The Goulds were among the oldest of New England families, the first representatives of the family in America having come from Wales. In 1844, an early day in the history of the county, Dr. Gould's parents came direct from their native state, and settled in the northwestern part of Fulton county, where the father became a pioneer farmer of the county, and died about 1854; his wife having preceded him in death one year. These parents had six children, namely: Vernon, Robert, Marietta, Willard, Daniel S., and Emma. Vernon was about fifteen years of age when his parents came to Fulton county. He had gained a fair education in the schools of his native state, and on coming to this county, though but a youth, began teaching in the county schools, and also worked on the farm. He taught several years, and meanwhile studied medicine, and after practicing medicine for awhile in Marshall county, he entered Rush medical college, of Chicago, where he graduated in February, 1855. Then he located in Rochester, where he has since resided and continued the practice of his profession save for a period of time, during which he served in the war of the rebellion and as clerk of the county. In March, 1863, he became assistant surgeon in the Eighty-seventh Indiana infantry, and served as such until the close of the war. In the fall of 1865 he was elected clerk of the circuit court, which office he held for five years, and then resumed the practice of medicine, becoming one of the ablest in his profession in this section of the state. Dr. Gould has always been a student not only in medicine, but also other subjects, especially mineralogy, geology and chemistry, in which subjects he has gained breadth of learning. He has collected many fine specimens of minerals and other curios. In 1854 he married Almira O. Rannells, who remained his faithful companion some eighteen years, and then answered the summons of death in 1872. She bore him the following children: Francis, deceased; Dr. Charles E., now associated with his father in the practice of medicine; Hattie; Carrie E., deceased, and Lucius V., deceased. In 1876 the doctor married a second time, wedding Nancy M. Rannells, a cousin of his first wife. She died in 1882. In 1886 he united in marriage with Mrs. Margaret Cowgill, widow of the late E. E. Cowgill. In politics Dr. Gould has always been a staunch republican. He is also a prom-



inent member of the Grand Army of the Republic, McClung post, of Rochester.

GEORGE W. GREGSON, a resident of Rochester township since 1848, and a native of Morgan county, Ind., was born Feb. 8, 1836. He is a son of William and Mary (Myers) Gregson. The father was born in North Carolina in 1803 and the mother in Kentucky in 1805, and their deaths took place in Kansas, to which state they removed from Fulton county, Ind., in 1873, the father of Mr. Gregson dying in 1882 and his mother in 1890. George W. Gregson is the fifth in a family of eight children, of whom only three are living at this time. In the thirteenth year of his age he came to Fulton county and the first school he attended in the county was taught in a private house. Upon the coming of the Gregson family to Fulton county there was found one continuous forest and the settlement was made in the woods. In 1865 Mr. Gregson settled where he now lives, in the northeast corner of Rochester township. Here he has eighty acres of land and also owns forty acres in New Castle township in close proximity to the home farm. These 120 acres are well improved. The entire life of Mr. Gregson has been devoted to farming and he is considered a successful man in this line. In 1865 he was united in marriage to Miss Catherine E. Shaeffer, a native of Ohio. To this union are these nine children, viz.: Sarah E., Charles A., Mary B., Cora F., Anna May, William H., Clara L., Alva M. and Nora O. Politically Mr. Gregson is a democrat, though in local affairs he supports the man rather than the party. He and wife are members of the Liberty Chapel Christian church. This church was erected in 1895 and Mr. Gregson took a most active part in its building, giving both time and money. The Gregson family is one of the oldest in the northeastern part of Rochester township and is one of the most highly respected.

P. H. GRELLE, insurance and real estate of Rochester, one of the promoters of the Indiana Farmers' Building & Loan association, and for the past three years its secretary, was born in Seneca county, Ohio, Oct. 12, 1851. His father, Samuel Grelle, was an Ohio farmer, born in Perry county, that state, in 1816. He served his county as commissioner two terms, and died in 1888 as he had lived, a representative and respected citizen. His father was Philip Grelle, born in Germany and came to the United States at the solicitation of his relatives to escape service in the German army in the Napoleonic wars. The young German was not himself averse to military service, for when he arrived in this country he at once took sides with America against England, and enlisted for the war of 1812. One of his three children is still living, a Mrs. Stewart, of Howard county, Ind. Samuel Grelle married Hezekiah Brinkerhoff's daughter Ellen. She was of Scotch Irish descent and her ancestors settled in Pennsylvania near Gettysburg. P. H. Grelle is the youngest son. The living members of his father's family are: A. W.,





Logansport, a gunsmith; George H., merchandising in Mexico, Ohio; P. H. and Mary, wife of A. B. Duey, Miami county, Ind., P. H. Grelle received his physical and mental training on the farm till twenty-two. He spent two years in Heidelberg college, at Tiffin, Ohio, and on leaving there began reading law at Sandusky, Ohio, in the office of Robert McKeely. He went to Cincinnati two years later and completed a course in a law college and was admitted to practice by passing a test examination. He was for a time in the office of John A. Trimble in Cincinnati. In 1875 he located at Logansport and practiced law and conducted an insurance business, having for his partners in the latter H. B. Aldrich and later William H. Jackson, grand master of the Odd Fellows for Indiana, and now a United States official in Canada. In 1885 Mr. Grelle located in Rochester and engaged in the insurance and loan business, dropping the law. His leading insurance companies are the Aetna Life, Ohio Farmers', Westchester, of New York, Concordia, of Milwaukee, and German of Indianapolis. He was interested with Dr. Shafer in the sale of property to raise funds for establishing the normal university, served as secretary of the Rochester improvement company two years. In November, 1880, Mr. Grelle married in Logansport, Ind., Edith Hidy Enyart, a daughter of George Hidy, deceased, and adopted daughter of Joseph Enyart, who married the widow of George Hidy. Mrs. Enyart's maiden name was Lavina Abbott. Mr. and Mrs. Grelle's two children are: Lefa, aged ten, and Nondas, aged eight. Mr. Grelle is a member of the society of Ben Hur.

HENRY GUISE, of Union township, is one of the leading and enterprising farmers of Fulton county. His birth occurred in Aubbeenaubbee township, Sept. 30, 1848. His father, Benneville Guise, was born in Northumberland county, Pa., June 23, 1819, and came to Fulton county in 1844 and settled in Aubbeenaubbee township, where he lived until 1869, when he removed to Union township, where he died at seventy-four years of age. In politics he was a democrat and had served as trustee of Aubbeenaubbee township. He was a man of pure character and in his death the county lost one of its estimable citizens. The mother of Henry Guise was Sarah Guise, whose maiden name was Wentzel. She was also born in Pennsylvania and died in this county in February, 1856. Mr. Guise, the third child, was raised upon the farm. He was a student at the country school and had as a classmate Enoch Myers, who is now a prominent lawyer of this county. Mr. Guise remained at home until about twenty-one years of age, when he began farming for himself. He now owns 195 acres of fine land, forty acres of which are just over the line, in Pulaski county. Mr. Guise cleared from the green ninety acres of his land. His farms are well improved and as a farmer he is abreast of the age. His marriage with Miss Julia Luntsford was solemnized in 1873, and to this union are these six



children, viz.: Mark B., Perry, Pearl, Harvey, Maude and Grace. Mrs. Guise was born in Pulaski county and has always resided near her present home. In politics Mr. Guise is a democrat, and is a member of the Lutheran church, while his wife is a member of the German Reformed church. For forty-eight years he has been a resident of Fulton county and is one of its careful farmers and honest, conservative citizens.

JOHN HAGAN, one of the men of Fulton county who has been the promoter of his own success, was born within a quarter of a mile from where he now resides, April 25, 1854; son of Frederick and Hannah Hagan. They were both born in Germany, the father March 6, 1826, and the mother in 1824. In 1851 they emigrated to the United States and settled in Fulton county, Ind., where the father died June 12, 1889, and where the mother now resides with her children. By occupation the father was a farmer and, as a man and citizen, he was most highly respected. John Hagan is the second eldest of four living children. As a boy he worked upon the farm and attended district school. At about twenty-two years of age he began life for himself and settled where he now resides. This land at the time he settled upon it was one dense forest, which Mr. Hagan converted into a fine farm of ninety-three acres, five and a half miles southwest of Rochester. Of this land, seventy acres are under cultivation. In 1877 Mr. Hagan was married to Miss Rosa Goss, a daughter of Emanuel and Margaret Goss. Mrs. Hagan was born in Liberty township, this county, Jan. 23, 1856. To Mr. Hagan and his wife there have been born these seven children, viz.: Charles W., Edward V., Pearl E., Mollie J., Omer D., Otis H. and Effie May. In politics Mr. Hagan supports the democratic ticket in national affairs, but in local matters he supports the men who, in his judgment, are the best fitted for office. He is a member of the orders of K. O. T. M. and Tribe of Ben Hur, while he and wife are prominent members of the United Brethren church.

A. J. HAIMBAUGH, president of the Fulton County Agricultural and Mechanical association, and one of the representative farmers and stock raisers of this county, was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, in 1854. He is a son of Henry and Apalina Haimbaugh. The family came to Fulton county in 1855 and settled in New Castle township, where the parents of Mr. Haimbaugh still reside. The subject of this review is the second oldest of six children, all of whom are living. He was a student at the public schools of New Castle township. On his father's farm he continued to work until he gained his majority, and then took up farming upon his own account, and this avocation in connection with stock interests has been his business. In 1892, having disposed of his farm in New Castle township, he purchased what is known as the John Walters farm, located two miles south of Rochester, upon the Michigan road. This farm consists of 275 acres of well improved land, and



it is considered one of the best farms in Fulton county. In 1846 Mr. Haimbaugh was elected president of the Fulton County Agricultural and Mechanical society, after having held the office of vice-president for two years, and ever since his connection with the society he has labored for its success. He was united in marriage in 1876 to Miss Sarah A. Waugh, a native of Ohio. To this union are these three children: Lulu B., Katie W. and Henry Porter. In politics he is a free silver democrat, or at least believes in the theory of 16 to 1 ratio and is for tariff reform and a sufficient revenue to satisfy all the legitimate demands of the government economically administered. He and wife are leading members of the First Baptist church of Rochester and, in July, 1895, Mr. Haimbaugh was elected superintendent of the First Baptist Sunday school of Rochester. Mr. Haimbaugh is recognized as one of the leading men of affairs, and one of whose honesty and integrity there can be no question.

DR. C. F. HARTER, the pioneer physician of Akron, was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, Nov. 18, 1834, and is a son of Andrew and Mary (Motzer) Harter, natives of Germany, whence in 1834 they removed to America, and settled in Columbiana county, Ohio. The father died at the old homestead in 1880, at the age of ninety years. Five of his family of seven are yet living, namely: John, George, Mrs. Spencer Strong, David and the doctor. Our subject spent his youth on his father's farm and at the age of fourteen became a student in the academy at Poland, Mahoning county, Ohio. Deciding to take up the study of medicine he began reading at East Palestine with Dr. A. Sheets, and in order to defray his expenses at college he engaged in teaching school. He was graduated at the Ohio medical college in 1858, and acquitted himself so creditably that he was at once elected interne of St. John's hospital at Cincinnati. On Jan. 1, 1859, he came to Fulton county, locating in Henry township, where he soon built up an excellent business, and was recognized as one of the most successful physicians in this section of the state. He succeeded Dr. S. S. Terry in this field, and like that gentleman went to Rochester to enlarge his field of operations, there forming a partnership with Dr. Robbins, being absent from Akron thirteen years. He had accumulated a handsome competence, when in 1869 he retired from practice and engaged in the elevator and grain business in Rochester, but within five years he lost over \$30,000, and resumed the practice of medicine, in which he has regained much of his former financial prestige. Dr. Harter was married May 10, 1860, in this county, to Clara E., daughter of William Whittenberger, the founder of the well known family of that name in Henry township. Their children are Carrie, wife of B. F. Templeton, of Le Roy, Ills.; C. Della, who was educated in Battle Creek, Mich., at the National College of Music in Chicago, and is now a teacher of music in Hickman college of Kentucky; and



D. W., a stenographer for the Chicago telephone company. The doctor is a democrat in politics, and is a member of the board of pension examiners for Fulton county. He belongs to the Indiana State Medical society, and is an esteemed representative of his profession and a man whom to know is to honor.

WILLIAM HEETER, postmaster and merchant at DeLong, was born in Pulaski county, Ind., Nov. 10, 1854, and is a son of Adam Heeter, who was born in Union county, Pa., Dec. 3, 1818, and whose parents were Adam and Catherine Heeter, both of whom were natives of Northumberland county, Pa., and of German descent. In 1827 they emigrated to Seneca county, Ohio, and there died. Their son, Adam, was united in marriage to Mary Young, in 1841. Unto that union were born Elizabeth, Levi, Amelia, George, William, Ellen and Mary. Adam and Mary Heeter came to Indiana in 1848, settled in Pulaski county, lived there seventeen years, then removed to Aubbeenaubbee township, Fulton county, where they now reside. They are members of the German Reform church. William Heeter, the subject of this sketch, was brought up on the farm, and worked at farming up to 1884, in which year he began working on the railroad as a section hand, and continued at the same up to 1892, when he opened a general store in DeLong. Since then he has followed merchandising with success. He became postmaster of DeLong in 1893. May 3, 1894, Mr. Heeter married Roxy, daughter of the late George DeMont, of this county. Mrs. Heeter was born Jan. 29, 1859, in Marshall county, Ind., where her parents were early settlers. George DeMont and wife, whose maiden name was Kisire Owens, were natives of New York. He was of French descent. Mr. and Mrs. Heeter are members of the M. E. church. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and a democrat in politics.

HENDERSON BROS. & CO.—Of this firm Bruce and Lee Henderson are members. They are brothers and are the owners of the well known Fairview stock farm. They are natives of Fulton county and though young, neither of them being yet thirty years of age, they are thorough-going and enterprising business men. They are sons of Joseph and Arvilla (Stevens) Henderson. Their father was born in Pennsylvania, 1840, and died in Fulton county, 1889. The mother was born in Marshall county, this state, in 1850, and died in Fulton county in 1882. They had three children. It was in 1857 that the father came with his father, John Henderson, to Fulton county from Pennsylvania. After his marriage he settled in Union township on a farm, and here the Henderson brothers were brought up. They were given a common school education and very early in life were under the necessity of shifting for themselves. Bruce Henderson made his first business at Bruce Lake, this county, in 1887. Later he clerked for about two years in Kewanna, and then opened a store at Marshland, where his store was burned out





some nine months later, causing him a loss of about \$700. In the winter of 1890 he was advertising manager for Dr. Scott, of LaPorte, Ind. In 1891, he joined his brother Lee, who had been clerking in Chicago, where for three years Lee had management of the grocery department in "The Fair." In February, 1892, these brothers, with a capital of \$350 between them, began to manufacture and sell (in New York city) what is known as "Henderson's Wild Cherry Beverage," first with indifferent success, but success became more marked as time passed. P. F. Henderson became associated with them, and the firm of Henderson Bros. & Co. soon grew into a mammoth business. "Henderson's Wild Cherry Beverage" is known far and wide, and has been extensively sold. In 1893 the Henderson brothers purchased 150 acres of land just west of Kewanee and established the Fairview stock farm. The next year they began to raise fine horses. They have gained considerable reputation as breeders of fine race, road and draught horses. Among the number of fine horses they own are the following: Jesse, record 2:24 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Tycho, record 2:28 $\frac{1}{4}$ ; Rostoko, record 2:24 $\frac{1}{4}$ ; Anto J., pacer; and Pandore, a Percheron Norway grey, of 2,050 pounds weight. On July 12, 1895, their barn was burned at a loss of some \$10,000. Since then they have built a new and large barn and have it arranged for great convenience in taking care of their stock. In 1895 Mr. Bruce Henderson's health failing, he moved to the farm and since then the manufacture and sale of their beverage has been under a manager in New York city. Mr. Lee Henderson has been on the road as a salesman of the beverage a great deal. He recently married Miss Celia Centelivier, of Sioux City, Iowa. In politics these brothers are democrats. They are first-class business men and have wonderful success in their undertakings.

JACOB HENDRICKSON was born in Monmouth county, N. J., April 25, 1807. His death occurred in Fulton county, Ind., Dec. 27, 1889. His parents were Matthias and Mercy (Vandevanter) Hendrickson, both of whom were of Dutch descent. When Jacob was twelve years of age his parents removed from New Jersey to Indiana, and for a very brief period resided in Dearborn county, whence they removed to Butler county, Ohio, where they lived many years, the mother dying there. Subsequent to her death the father made his home with his son, Abraham, who resided near Frankfort, Ind., and there he died at an advanced age. He was the father of five sons and one daughter, namely, Abraham, Peter, John, Isaac, Deborah and Jacob. Isaac was killed in battle, in the war with Mexico. In Butler county, Ohio, Jacob Hendrickson and Catherine Schenck were united in marriage, Feb. 23, 1832. She was born in New Jersey March 24, 1812. Her death occurred in Fulton county April 6, 1875. She was a daughter of Chrineyance and Maria Schenck, whose ancestors originally came from Holland to America. Jacob Hendrickson settled in Wayne township, Fulton



county, Ind., in the year 1841. He located in the dense forest, and the first cabin he built was constructed out of rails. It was nothing more than a rail pen, with a large door on one side, just on the outside of which the family made fires, burning from logs. This place of habitation was used only long enough to enable Mr. Hendrickson to cut logs and build a rude hut 16x20 feet, which served as a residence for some twenty years. When he came to this county his family consisted of himself, his wife and five children. In this log hut were born unto him and his wife all his other children. The following are the names of all his children: Chrineyance, John, deceased; Isaac, Peter, died in infancy; Edwin R., Maria, Sarah J., Jacob, died in infancy; Matthias, Catherine, Ada Ellen and Ann. Some two or three years after Mr. Hendrickson came to this county, he went to Cincinnati, and from there brought the first cook stove into Wayne township. In an early day, when there were three trustees for each township, Mr. Hendrickson served as one of these trustees for nine years in Wayne township. The records show that for his first year's service he received a compensation of seventy-five cents. He was among the very first settlers of the county, and when he came to the county, but little clearing had been done. He cleared much land, reared a large and industrious family, grew prosperous, owned nearly 600 acres of land at the time of his death, and had gained the respect of a wide acquaintance, when death called him from the scenes of many years of commendable life. His wife preceded him in death some fourteen years. She was a devoted wife, a loving and kind mother, and a faithful friend.

CHRINEYANCE HENDRICKSON, eldest son of Jacob and Catherine Hendrickson, was born in Butler county, Ohio, Feb. 24, 1833. He was about nine years of age when his parents came to Fulton county, and since then he has continued to reside in the county. He remained under the parental roof till March 31, 1853, at which date he married Paulina Smith, and moved upon a rented farm. His wife died in the spring of 1857, leaving a son, George P. Hendrickson, now farming and residing in Wayne township. Upon the death of his wife Mr. Hendrickson again made his home with his father and mother, until the year 1864, when he married a second time, wedding Mary Catherine Minton, who has borne him the following children. Sarah E., Catherine, Jacob, Reuben B., Louella, Hattie Ann, an infant, dying unnamed, and Norma Pearl. Mr. Hendrickson farmed as a renter up to 1873, when he bought the eighty acres on which he now resides. Besides this eighty acres he owns fifty-five additional acres. He has a good residence, barn and other improvements on his farm, and as a farmer he has been very successful. Mr. Hendrickson is a democrat in politics, and both he and wife are members of the Baptist church.

ISAAC HENDRICKSON, son of Jacob Hendrickson, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume, was born in Butler



county, Ohio, and was brought to Fulton county by his parents when a child. He has always resided in this county, and has followed farming, in which he has been unusually successful. He lived and farmed with his father until the death of the latter. He now owns the parental homestead, where he resides, together with his sisters—Sarah J., Ada Ellen and Ann. His acreage consists of 180 acres of fine land. Mr. Hendrickson has always voted the democrat ticket and has been identified with the representative citizens of his township.

EDWIN R. HENDRICKSON, the fifth son of Jacob and Catherine Hendrickson, was born in Butler county, Ohio, Feb. 8, 1838. He was four years old when his parents settled in Wayne township and virtually his entire life has been spent in Fulton county. He gained a limited education, for in his youth he had poor educational advantages. Besides he was under the necessity of aiding his father and brothers in clearing lands and otherwise working on the farm. He has always farmed and, although he began his career with limited means, he has prospered and now owns a splendid farm of 190 acres. He has a fine brick residence and other good buildings and besides farming he has devoted a considerable portion of his time to stock raising. In 1870 Mr. Hendrickson was united in marriage to Caroline, daughter of Henry and Mary (Long) Estabrook, who were pioneer settlers of Harrison township, Cass county, Ind., where Mrs. Hendrickson was born. Unto the above union there have been born five children, as follows: William N., Elsie E., Oron M., teacher in the district schools; Glenn A., and Ida M. Mr. Hendrickson has always been identified with the democratic party. In 1879 he was elected trustee of Wayne township, and as such served two years, making an acceptable officer.

MATTHIAS HENDRICKSON, the youngest son of Jacob and Catherine Hendrickson, was born in Wayne township, Fulton county, Ind., Jan. 13, 1848. Mr. Hendrickson's life pursuit has been farming. He remained at the parental house, farming with his father, till he was nearly thirty-two years of age, or until he was married. He was married Sept. 17, 1879, to Carrie, the daughter of Ephraim and Elizabeth Traver. Mrs. Hendrickson was born in New York state, Sept. 14, 1859. In the spring before his marriage Mr. Hendrickson purchased a tract of eighty acres, where he now resides. Upon this tract of land he moved immediately after his marriage. He has a good frame house and barn, which he built after moving onto the farm. Besides the above eighty acres he owns two other tracts of land, forty acres in one and thirty in another. Mr. and Mrs. Hendrickson's home has been blessed by the birth of the following children: Harry, Walter C., Frank, Annie, deceased; Jacob Roy, deceased, and Minnie. In politics Mr. Hendrickson has always been a firm democrat. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and is one of the progressive men of his township.





JOHN G. HILL.





ISAAC C. HILL was born in Union township, Cass county, Ind., Feb. 29, 1856. His parents were Joseph and Mary (Cragon) Hill. His father was a native of Cass county, Ind., and a son of Joseph and Elizabeth Hill, who were pioneer settlers of Cass county. Soon after the marriage of Joseph Hill and Mary Cragon, they came to Fulton county. Two years later they returned to Cass county, where they resided until 1863, in which year they returned to Fulton county, and here lived for thirteen years and then moved to Starke county, where he died several years later. His wife preceded him in death. They had twelve children, viz.: Patrick, John, Marshall, Isaac C., Edward, Caleb, Josephine, Lucinda, Etta, Milo, Mollie and Minnie. Isaac C. Hill began the battle of life for himself at the age of seventeen years. He learned the carpenter's trade, and has followed this, together with farming, all his life. He was married in 1878 to Rebecca, daughter of Hiram Lunsford, Esq., of Pulaski county. For five years after Mr. Hill's marriage he resided in Union township, this county, but since then he has resided in Aubeenauubbee township. He has operated with success a saw-mill at Leiter's Ford; owns a good farm and is in prosperous circumstances. Unto him and his wife there have been born the following offspring: Infant, deceased; Walter; Harvey, deceased; Roy, Elmer and Bessie, deceased. Mr. Hill is a firm democrat in politics, and in 1890 was elected trustee of his township. As trustee he served five years with satisfaction to the people. Both he and his wife are members of the Baptist church, and they number among the leading families of their community.

JOHN G. HILL, the veteran carriage maker of Rochester, and one of the most progressive citizens of the county, was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, Dec. 18, 1835, the youngest of the five children of Matthias Hill, who was manufacturer of novelties, a land owner and sheep raiser. He married a Miss Green, and their children are: Margaret Beeker, of Logansport, Ind.; Anna and Elizabeth, who are also married, and our subject. The father was a soldier in the German war against Napoleon. John G. Hill acquired his education in the public school of Germany, and at the age of eighteen came to America in search of fortune. From New York he went to Philadelphia, and soon afterward to Harrisburg, Pa. His first work was as a day laborer on the Harrisburg & Reading railroad, and later he went to Lebanon, Pa., where he learned the blacksmith's trade. When he had mastered the business, he managed the shop for Christ Hoover, for several months in Lancaster, whence he removed to Myerstown, Pa., where he had charge of a carriage shop. Later he again spent a brief period in Lebanon, then attempted to join the Union army, but the quota of three months troops was filled. In search of employment he made his way to Peru, Ind., where lived his brother-in-law, and there established a custom shop, working for a year. With the true patriotic spirit of



a native American, Mr. Hill then enlisted in the Fourteenth light artillery, was ordered from Indianapolis to St. Louis and thence south, reaching Mississippi in time to take part in the battle of Corinth. On account of illness he returned to Jackson, Tenn., and there was detailed for duty as a blacksmith in the government shops in Paducah, Ky., at which place he was notified of his promotion to a second lieutenancy in the Eighth United States heavy artillery, a colored battery. In 1864 he was one of the gallant two hundred and fifty who defended Fort Paducah against six thousand rebels of Gen. Forest's army. At Port Anderson, Paducah, Ky., on March 25, 1864, he received a severe gunshot wound in the left thigh, which disabled him for six months. In this engagement the enemy lost eight hundred, the Union troops thirty-seven. Returning home at the close of the war, Mr. Hill established a small carriage shop at Fulton, whence in 1871 he removed to Rochester. After working for a time by the day for others, he entered into partnership with J. B. Feiser, building buggies, and then for two years was in the grocery business with Louis Felder, and then sold out and became a partner of Noah Craven in the carriage and wagon business. The new firm did a successful business until 1883, when our subject sold out and established the firm of J. G. Hill & Son, which profitably operated a shop until 1895, when John G. Hill became sole proprietor. The firm sold buggies, carriages and wagons all over the west as far as Kansas, and success attended their well directed efforts. Mr. Hill was married in Lancaster, Pa., in 1857, to Lizzie, daughter of Daniel Good. She died in Fulton in 1868, leaving a daughter, Amelia Leed, by her former marriage, and the following children by her marriage to Mr. Hill: Rosa R.; Elizabeth, deceased; John, who married Annie Smith; Mary, deceased, wife of George Rule; George A., and Theresa, now Mrs. J. H. Warner, of Elkhart, Ind. In 1872 Mr. Hill wedded Miss Bomberger, who died in 1873. His present wife was formerly Maggie Oneth, and their only child is named Minnie. Mr. Hill is a member of McClung post, No. 95, G. A. R., and the Knights of Honor. He has a beautiful home on Jefferson street in Rochester, and is regarded as one of the most progressive and valued citizens of the county. Politically Mr. Hill is an uncompromising republican and for many years has taken an active part in the affairs of that party.

ALLEN W. HOLEMAN, whose name introduces this biographical mention, is one of the best business men of Rochester, where he was born. Mr. Holeman is a son of Isaac W. Holeman, who in his day was one of the successful business men of Rochester. Isaac W. Holeman was born in Warren county, Ohio, on Dec. 1, 1820. He died in Rochester, Ind., on Aug. 18, 1870. He was a son of David and Mary (Welsh) Holeman. Both of his parents were natives of North Carolina, and of English ancestry. At an early date in his life David Holeman, who was a farmer, and possessed of



migratory disposition, removed from his native state to Ohio. In Ohio he first settled in Warren county, but soon after the birth of his son, Isaac W. Holeman, he removed to Preble county, that state, where he lived till the year 1836, when he settled at Wea Plains, a few miles south of Lafayette, Ind. At that time Isaac W. Holeman was about fifteen years old. The labors of his youth consisted in farm work. Early in life he was taught the value of industry and perseverance. He had gained a fair education in the country schools, when at an early age he became a school teacher. In 1844 he graduated from Wabash college, of Crawfordsville, and soon thereafter took up the study of law, in the office of Beard & Wilson, then a prominent law firm of Lafayette. In 1848 Mr. Holeman was the third lawyer to open an office in Rochester. Here he practiced his profession till 1854, in which year he gave up the law to become a merchant. For a great many years afterward he conducted a general merchandise business in Rochester. He was a successful business man, and was held in high esteem by his fellow-citizens. He served as postmaster of Rochester, and held several other positions of honor and trust. He married Louisa Willitts, who was born in New Jersey. Her parents were Thomas and Mary Willitts; they were natives of New Jersey and of English descent. The subject of this biographical sketch is the only child born unto Isaac W. Holeman and wife. He was brought up in Rochester and given a common school education. When he was sixteen years of age he lost his father in death. His mother is still living and her excellent counsel has been of great aid to him. "Allie," as he is familiarly known, began his business career upon the death of his father. He began as a merchant and prospered, continuing in mercantile pursuits till the year 1885, in which year he sold out his business and embarked in the grain business. As a grain dealer he again gave evidence of good business ability. In the year 1888 he disposed of his grain business and established the Fulton County bank, which he has since conducted, building up a good business. The bank is regarded a strong and safe institution. Mr. Holeman has always introduced honesty and fair-dealing into his business, and consequently he has gained the confidence of a large patronage. He is a pleasant and agreeable gentleman, both in business and social life. He is a member of several fraternal associations, among which are the following: Red Men, Knights of Pythias, Maccabees, Ben Hur and Knights of Honor.

DR. W. E. HOSMAN, of Akron, is a promising physician of Fulton county. He has been engaged in actual practice less than five years, less than two of which have been spent among the people of his native community, and it is the universal judgment of those familiar with his daily routine that his success is phenomenal. Dr. Hosman began his preparation for medicine with Dr. Knott, at Argos, Ind., and after reading one year he entered the Eclectic Col-



lege of Physicians and Surgeons at Indianapolis, Ind. He completed his course there in two years, took special course on eye and ear and graduated in 1892. He filled the chair of anatomy in the same institution the next year and was engaged in active practice in the city. During the latter part of 1894 he came to Akron and is rapidly becoming one of its foremost citizens. Dr. Hosman was born in Kosciusko, Ind., Jan. 31, 1870. His father, E. M. Hosman, is a farmer. He was born in Hancock county, Ohio, 1848, located near Akron, in Kosciusko county, before the war and was married there to Luella Miller, stepdaughter of the late James Holmes. Their children are: W. C. and Ada, in Kosciusko county, and Dr. W. E. The last named obtained his literary education at Fort Wayne M. E. college. Dr. Hosman married in Kosciusko county Nov. 10, 1892, Ada, daughter of Mrs. Nancy Baker, widow of William Baker, pioneers from Ohio. Dr. Hosman's paternal grandfather, aged ninety-four years, is still living. His wife was Elizabeth Sloan. Her children are: John Hosman, Indianapolis; William Hosman, Findlay, Ohio; James Hosman, Peru, Ind.; E. M., and one daughter, wife of Dr. Wooley, deceased, of Warsaw, Ind. Fraternally Dr. Hosman is a member of the order of Knights of Pythias, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the K. O. T. M.

J. T. HUTTON, one of the leading contractors of Indiana, was born in Dunnville, Canada, June 20, 1861. His parents came of English lineage, and his father, Richard Hutton, is a native of England, while his mother, Margaret (Tristram) Hutton, was born in Canada, where she and her husband now reside. They are the parents of eight children, of whom six are living. The father, by occupation is a contractor and has constructed many fine buildings in the dominion of Canada. J. T. Hutton obtained a liberal education in the public schools of his native country and later graduated from an academy at St. Catherine's and afterward was a student at the Toronto school of polytechnics. To be a contractor by occupation came to Mr. Hutton as if by inheritance and, under his father's guidance, he gained a liberal training along this line. He also qualified himself in the study of architecture and thus again strengthened his ability in the matter of figuring upon contracts over those whose knowledge in architecture is limited. At the early age of nineteen he had charge of some light-house work for the Canadian government, and at the end of two years the government proposed to transfer him to Nova Scotia, but preferring civil life he resigned his position and came to the United States, locating in Chicago. His first important contract in this country was twenty miles of work, upon the Chicago & Erie railway, and then did eight miles of grade and bridge work for the Canada & St. Louis railway, and other contracts were for twenty miles of bridge work for the Santa Fe railway in Missouri, and twenty miles of the same kind of work for the







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Ohio Valley railway in Kentucky, and the same for the Indiana Coal R. R. For the past seven years Mr. Hutton has given his attention to the erection of public and private buildings. Some of his best work may be seen at South Bend, Kokomo, Rochester and Michigan City, Ind. At Rochester he built the normal university, the South school building, the wholesale grocery house of J. P. Michael, and the fine residence of J. E. Beyer. April, 1896, he obtained the contract at Michigan City, Ind., for \$30,000 stone and brick high school building. Mr. Hutton does figuring for work in many states of the Union. For the last eight years Mr. Hutton has been a resident of Rochester. He was united in marriage in 1888 to Miss Bertha Sturgeon, a daughter of the late Enoch Sturgeon, and Anna M. (Ault) Sturgeon. To Mr. and Mrs. Hutton are these three children: Frances, William S. and J. Wallace. In politics Mr. Hutton is an ardent republican and a member of the K. of P. and K. O. T. M. fraternities. He is a man of unquestioned progress and a representative citizen of Indiana.

CHARLES JACKSON, real estate agent and secretary of the Indiana Farmers' Building and Loan association and a valued citizen of Rochester was born in Sandusky county, Ohio, Feb. 16, 1830. He was reared on the farm, educated sparingly in the common schools and was engaged in active farming till forty years old. In March, 1870, he removed to Fulton county and took up the business of merchandising in Rochester. He followed this ten years, when he closed up business and later on began dealing in machinery. One year later he engaged in the real estate and insurance business, which business he is at present prosecuting. He prosecutes claims for pensioners and has been instrumental in making many an old comrade's heart glad. Four years ago he aided in bringing into existence the Indiana Farmers' Building and Loan association, of which he is secretary and director. In politics Mr. Jackson is a republican; voted for John C. Fremont for president. He was a candidate for county clerk of Fulton some years ago and the strong vote he received was a handsome compliment to his integrity. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow and is secretary of the local lodge. Mr. Jackson was married in Sandusky county, Ohio, Dec. 29, 1853, to Catherine Ernsperger, daughter of Christopher Ernsperger, Ohio pioneers of Maryland birth. Mr. Ernsperger died in Rochester in 1877, aged sixty-nine. His wife was Julia A. Ensminger, born July, 1812, and now living in Rochester. Mr. Jackson is the father of Alma L., Anna A., wife of Frank Huffman, of Rochester, secretary of Rochester bridge company; Frank A., Portland, Ore., general superintendent Portland gas company, married Lillie M. Weed. Charles Jackson is a son of Archibald C. Jackson, born in New York, 1794, died 1865. The paternal grandsire of our subject was Alexander Jackson, a soldier in the war of 1812. Archibald C. Jackson married Amanda Olds. Her children were: Nancy M.,



deceased, married William Gaskill; Julia A., widow of Loren Clark; Caroline, widow of E. Beaghler, Sandusky county, Ohio; Esther, deceased, wife of T. G. McIntyre; Zeno, deceased; Charles, Martin, deceased; William Clyde, manufacturer, of Hughes Shears company; David H., Oakland, Cal., a successful miner, locating for eastern capitalists; Mary, died young; Andrew, with John and James Dobbs, Philadelphia, Pa. Charles Jackson is an active member of the Methodist church.

DANIEL JONES, one of the foremost among the representative farmers of New Castle township, was born in Marshall county, Ind., Feb. 12, 1843. His early advantages were such as the sons of pioneer farmers usually have. He obtained sufficient book knowledge while attending the log cabin school to enable him to secure license to teach about the time he became of age. He taught one term of school and then in response to a desire to see and know more of the world he went to Omaha, Neb., and there hired to the general government, first serving in the quartermaster's department and lastly as teamster. His train was engaged in hauling supplies to the forts and garrisons located in the Black Hills and in points in Wyoming. In the winter of 1865 he returned to Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and was discharged. Returning home he purchased twenty-two acres of land and engaged in farming in Marshall county, and resided there till 1873, when he sold out and bought his present farm of 169½ acres, one mile from Bloomingsburg. Here he has since resided. In 1882 Mr. Jones was elected township trustee by the democrats and was re-elected in 1884. During his regime the new Bloomingsburg school house was erected and such other public improvements made as seemed most desirable. His service was such as a conscientious, conservative man would be expected to render and his administration is pointed to as one of the successful ones in the history of the township. In August, 1872, Mr. Jones married in this county Amelia Holemar, a daughter of Charles Holemar, and a sister of George Holemar, of Rochester. Their children are: Charles, Leroy, Mary, Anna, May, Roy and Ruth. Mr. Jones' father, Tyre Jones, was a prominent and popular farmer of Marshall county for many years. He was born in Pennsylvania, reared in Ohio and was married in Crawford county, Ohio. He came to Indiana in 1839, the year the Indians were removed from Fulton county. He settled in Marshall county, where he was very successful, and died there in 1878, aged seventy, leaving an estate of 400 acres, which he had cleared himself. His wife was Sarah Ames, who died in 1880 at sixty-eight. Her surviving children are: Jordan, Harriet, Benton, Sarah, Daniel, Mary, Kline and Clara. Mr. Jones is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the K. O. T. M. fraternities.

SAMUEL W. JULIAN, the present trustee of Wayne township, Fulton county, was born in Rush county, Ind., Oct. 11, 1829. His



parents were George and Sarah (Fullen) Julian. His father was born in North Carolina. He was a son of George Julian, who was also a native of North Carolina. The Julians trace their origin to France. The first representatives of the family settled in North Carolina before the revolution. In an early day the paternal grandfather of the subject of this biography moved with his family from North Carolina to Tennessee, and still later to Indiana, before the Indiana territory became a state. He lived and died in Rush county, this state. With him the father of our subject came to Indiana. He was married in Montgomery county, Ind., to Sarah Fullen, who was born in Indiana. She was a daughter of Samuel Fullen, whose father was born in Ireland. Samuel Fullen was a pioneer of Shelby county, Ind. The parents of our subject settled in Shelby county first, then moved to Rush county, then to Cass county, in which county the mother died in August, 1841, at the age of forty-one years. She bore her husband thirteen children, of which two brothers and two sisters are now living. The father married a second time, wedding Margaret Methon, a Scotch lady. She bore him no children. In the year 1857 he moved to Wayne township, Fulton county, where he lived till his death, which occurred in May, 1866, when he was seventy-five years of age. He was a farmer by occupation. The subject was reared on a farm and gained a common school education. He was ten years of age when his mother died. He was with his father up to the age of eighteen, when he began the battle of life for himself. He learned carpentering and followed the trade to some extent in early life. He also taught in the county schools for some five years. In the year 1855 he married Mary A. Hughes, who was born in Schuylkill county, Pa., in the year 1831, Aug. 3. She came to Indiana with her parents when about three years old. Her father was John Hughes, a pioneer of Clinton county, Ind. The first year of Mr. Julian's married life was spent in Cass county. In 1856 he settled in Fulton county, near where he now lives. He located there to teach a term of school, but he has since lived in the county. He became a farmer and has since followed that pursuit. He had limited capital to begin life on, but he has been a hard working man and by means of toiling hard and practicing economy he has grown prosperous, now owning one-quarter of a section of land in Wayne township. He has always been a democrat in politics. In the years 1867-68 he served as trustee of Wayne township. In the fall of 1894 he was elected to the same office and took charge of the same in August, 1895. His term of office will expire in August, 1899. He makes an acceptable officer, and is held in high esteem by his fellow-citizens. Mr. and Mrs. Julian have six children, viz.: Sarah Ellen, Susan M., James H., a Baptist minister; Lillie J., Frances A., and Santford W. Mr. Julian is a Master Mason. Mrs. Julian is a zealous member of the Baptist





church. Mr. Julian, though not a member of the church, has always been friendly to the cause.

ISAIAH KATHERMAN, one of the highly esteemed agriculturists of New Castle township, was born in Union county, Pa., May 12, 1844, and comes of that sturdy German stock, which forms such an important and valued element in our American nationality. His father, Philip Katherman, was born in Union county, Pa., in 1804, and there died in 1857. He was of German lineage, as was his wife, Patience Heisy, who died in 1871, at the age of sixty-three years, leaving six children, four of whom survive, namely: Andrew, of Mifflinburg, Pa.; Emanuel, of Louisburg, Pa.; Mary, wife of Thomas Hare, of Union county, Pa., and our subject. Isaiah Katherman, when twenty-four years of age, became a resident of Kosciusko county, Ind., and there followed farming until 1836, when he came to Fulton county and purchased his present farm, which has undergone important changes in appearance. He has materially enlarged the residence and beautified its grounds, also erected a large barn, cleared many additional acres of land, and has put in one thousand rods of ditch, so that he now owns one of the best improved and most desirable farms of the township. Mr. Katherman's labors as an agriculturist have been interrupted only by his service in the army. He made for himself an honorable military record, although little more than a school boy when he enlisted at Harrisburg in company A, One Hundred and Thirty-first Pennsylvania infantry for nine months. The regiment was first engaged in opposing Lee's attempted invasion of the north and participated in the battle of Sharpsburg, Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville. Mr. Katherman then returned to Pennsylvania, for his time had expired, but soon re-enlisted, joining company K, of the Twenty-sixth Pennsylvania infantry. On leaving this command he entered the Third heavy artillery, for service at Fortress Monroe, but found that the quota there was filled, and was transferred to company B, One Hundred and Eighty-eighth Pennsylvania infantry, with which he went to Yorktown, participating in all the arduous service in Virginia with Gen. Grant in 1864. This service included the battles of Cold Harbor, Seven Pines, Bermuda Hundred and Deep Bottom, which led to the imprisonment of the Confederates in Richmond. He also participated in the capture of Fort Harris, the battles of Dutch Gap and Petersburg, and entered the rebel capital as Lee was evacuating it. After the surrender, his regiment went to Danville, Va., doing guard duty there for some months. Mr. Katherman was mustered out at City Point, Va., receiving his discharge at Philadelphia, with the rank of sergeant. In August, 1886, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Katherman and Susan Smith, daughter of Leonard Smith, a native of Pennsylvania, who removed to Indiana. They have one son, Boyd, born in May, 1890. Mr. Katherman is a stalwart republican, deeply interested in the success of his party, but



has no desire for public office. Socially he is connected with James Raber post, G. A. R., of Mentone.

SAMUEL KEELY, ex-clerk of Fulton county, was born in Shelby county, Ind., March 23, 1836. At seven years of age his father took him to Indianapolis, and resided till he was seventeen, when he located on a farm in this county. At twenty-six years of age he moved to Rochester and engaged in the dry goods business with F. B. Ernsperger. He withdrew from this firm in eighteen months and worked at his trade, laying brick. We find him next with A. J. Holmes & Co in the implement business. In this line he was an employee two years, and the following three years was the proprietor of the business. In 1870 he was nominated by the democratic party for county clerk and was elected by a majority of 161. The efficiency of his service can best be judged by the size of his majority for a second term, in 1874, when he defeated his opponent by 418 votes. He bought a grist-mill in Cambria, Wis., in 1880, equipped it completely and ran it only four weeks, when it burned to the ground. He came back to Rochester and together with Charles Caffyn and Daniel Agnew built the Rochester gravel road, of which he was superintendent from 1883 to December, 1895, when Fulton county bought the property. Mr. Keely owns a fine 160-acre farm two miles from Argos, Marshall county. Oct. 4, 1860, Mr. Keely married in this county Miss E. M., a daughter of Christopher Ernsperger, who was born in Maryland, moved west to Ohio and thence to Indiana. He died in this county June 16, 1877, aged seventy-two years. His wife was Julia A. Ensminger, now living in Rochester at nearly eighty-four years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Keely's children are: Helen V., wife of H. A. Reiter, of Hammond, Ind.; Annetta, educated in Rochester and Terre Haute; Margaret L., and Harry S. Mr. Keely is of German descent. Samuel Keely, grandfather of our subject, was born in Pennsylvania, was a farmer and mechanic. He settled first in Butler county, Ohio, on leaving his old home, and in 1818 became a pioneer settler in Shelby county, Ind. He died in Indianapolis in 1848, aged fifty-six. He was a successful business man and by his marriage with Catherine McGee was the father of ten children, six of whom are living: Oliver, William H. and Samuel, who are in Indianapolis, and Eliza J., Mrs. John McFall and Mrs. Caroline Varney, who are in Decatur county, Ind. James Keely, father of our subject, was born in Butler county, Ohio, Aug. 18, 1812. He was a mason by trade, a man of robust constitution and of industrious habits. He died in Rochester in 1892. He was once county commissioner of this county. In early manhood was a democrat, but in 1857 became a republican. He married in Shelby county, Ind., Mary A., daughter of Anthony W. McKee, who was born in Butler county, Ohio, was a farmer and served as a soldier in the western department of the United States army during the war of 1812. He married Nancy Agnew, who bore



him ten children, all of whom are deceased. James Keely's children were: Samuel, Nancy, widow of Thomas J. McAnally; Catherine, deceased, married to John Collins; Mary J., deceased, wife of Adam Ault; Phoebe, deceased, married to Thomas Gilchrist; Sarah A., wife of John Ault, living in Oklahoma; Frances, widow of William Brough, a resident of Rochester; Julia A., widow of Joseph Carr, of Indianapolis; Anthony W., of Hartford City, Ind., and Caroline, wife of William Stubbs, of Marion, Ind. His life has been an active one, and his success in business has enabled him to accumulate an ample fortune.

PATRICK KELLY was born in Allegheny county, Pa., Feb. 27, 1833, and is a son of John and Mary Magdaline (Wyble) Kelly. His father was a native of county Kilkenny, Ireland, while his mother was a native of Germany. They were married in Pennsylvania, and unto their marriage were born the following children: Patrick, Mary, John, deceased; Bridget, deceased; Elizabeth, James, Margaret, Ann, and Jane, deceased. Soon after the birth of Patrick his parents removed to Ohio, thence to Indiana, settled first in Carroll county, and subsequently the father entered eighty acres of land in Union township, Fulton county, and moved onto the same in November, 1839, becoming a very early settler of the county. These early pioneers reared their family in Union township, where the mother died, preceding the father many years in death. He died in 1889, at the advanced age of eighty-eight years. Both he and she were buried at Winamac. Patrick Kelly was reared mainly in Fulton county. In 1857 he married Lavina, a daughter of Henry Bruce, a pioneer settler in Aubbeenaubbee township. She bore him two children and was then called away by death in 1859. The elder child died in infancy. The younger was named Edward Michael Kelly. He was born in Pulaski county, Ind., Dec. 1, 1859, and was married in 1882, Nov. 15, to Miss Catherine Carroll, daughter of Owen and Bridget Carroll. She was born in Pulaski county, Ind., March 7, 1862. Unto Edward M. Kelly and wife there have been born the following children: Dessie L., Elmer Edward, Patrick F. and Clara B. In 1862 Patrick Kelly married for a second wife Mary M., daughter of Jacob Ruff, a pioneer settler of Pulaski county, where Mrs. Kelly was born Nov. 5, 1844. For about five years after his marriage Mr. Kelly farmed, and then up to about 1867 he was in business, first at Star City, then at Winamac. About 1868 he began saw-milling and has since followed the business. In 1875 he located at Blue Grass, Wayne township, where he has continued to reside. He has been a successful business man and is a representative citizen. He is a democrat and has served as justice of the peace since 1892. He and his wife are members of the Roman Catholic church, to which church his son and son's family also belong. His son resides in Blue Grass and is associated with his father in business.

JOHN KESLER, the present auditor of Fulton county, first saw



the light of day in Richland county, Ohio. He was born April 1, 1836. His parents were Peter and Eliza (Windbigler) Kesler. They were born near Shaferstown, Lancaster county, Pa. The father was born in 1809 and the mother in 1816. Peter Kesler was a son of Abraham Kesler, a native of Pennsylvania, of German ancestors. Mr. Kesler's mother, who is now (1896) living with him, is a daughter of John and Mary (Buchter) Windbigler. They were natives of Pennsylvania and of German descent. The marriage of Peter Kesler and Elizabeth Windbigler was consummated in Ohio, and they settled down in life in Richland county, of that state. In the year 1852 they came to Fulton county and settled on a farm in New Castle township, where Mr. Kesler died in his sixty-sixth year. Their son, whom this mention concerns, was eighteen years of age when his parents came to Fulton county. His education was limited to the country schools. Though brought up on the farm he learned the gunsmith's trade, which he followed together with farming for twelve years. In 1856 Mr. Kesler married Mary Jane Kessler, who was born in Preble county, Ohio. Her father was John M. Kessler, who was born in Miami County, Ohio, Jan. 30, 1818, and was united in marriage with Malinda Harriman, of his native state, born Nov. 99, 1809. John M. Kessler was a son of Ulrich Kessler, a native of Virginia, of German descent. The family name of our subject, and that of his wife, though pronounced the same, are spelled differently, and so far as known the two families are not related. Mr. Kesler has been twice married. His first wife bore him twelve children, of which five are deceased. She died in March of 1890, and in February, 1892, Mr. Kesler married the second time, wedding Mrs. Martha Hamlet, nee Bybee, who is his present wife. Mr. Kesler began the battle of life with no capital other than willing hands and fixed purpose to succeed. As a farmer he long since became prosperous. He owns a well-improved farm in New Castle township, where he lived till he became the auditor of the county, to which office he was elected as the republican candidate, in the fall of 1894, by 128 majority. Mr. Kesler enlisted in company F, Eighty-seventh Indiana volunteer infantry, August, 1862, but after a short time of service was discharged on account of physical disability.

ISAAC A. KESSLER, ex-trustee of New Castle township, was born in Henry county, Ind., June 23, 1848. His father, John Kessler, was born in North Carolina, and with his parents removed to the vicinity of Dayton, Ohio, and was there reared and educated. He came to Indiana at an early date, and settled in Henry county. He married Mary Anderson and reared a family of eight children. Mrs. Kessler had been married previously to a Mr. Cates, whose son John Cates, now residing in Wisconsin, served as treasurer of Fulton county. Her children by her second marriage are: Simeon, Rachel, wife of James Paxton; Mary J., wife of Jacob Walburn; Isaac A. and Albert B. Isaac picked up a few of the rudimentary





ments of an English education while enrolled as a pupil in the district school. He began life as a farm hand, employed, as is usual, by the month, and remained as such for nine years. Although he received as good wages as were paid for such work, when he had finished his last month as a hired man he had very little surplus funds. He seemed to be fond of travel and when he had a snug bundle ahead he spent it sight seeing. One of these trips was made through Kansas and Missouri. Dec 12, 1875, Mr. Kessler married Mary E. Barkman, whose father, John Barkman, was a well known farmer of this county. The only issue of this union is Sadie M., born March 2, 1878. Mr. Kessler has followed farming for an occupation. His farm consists of seventy-three acres, and has many improvements and is under a good state of cultivation. In politics Mr. Kessler has been active as a democrat and in 1890 was honored by his party with an election to the office of trustee, in which position he served five years. Mr. Kessler has also served his township as constable many years. Recurring to Mr. Kessler's antecedents, his paternal grandfather was John Kessler, born in Virginia. His early life was spent in North Carolina, where he resided till 1808, when he came north to Dayton, Ohio. He came to Indiana with his son John and died in Kosciusko county, perhaps fifty years ago. He was a teacher all his life. His father was German born. Our subject's father died in Labette county, Kan., 1874, at seventy-four years of age. His wife died in this county 1889, at seventy-nine years of age.

CHARLES A. KILMER.—This enterprising citizen and business man is a native of Fulton county, born Nov. 28, 1869, in a log cabin that for years stood upon the bank of the Tippecanoe river. The parents, L. G. and Eliza J. (Spencer) Kilmer, were natives of Indiana. After the death of the mother in 1871 Mr. Kilmer, until fourteen years of age, was raised by his maternal grandparents. At this age he began making his own way in the world. He obtained some education at the public schools, but the major portion of his knowledge has been acquired in the more severe, yet more effective school of practical experience. Beginning his business career he entered the employ of the well known house of Feder & Silberberg, of this city, where he remained for four years, and then for one year was in the lumber business and later was for some four years in the wholesale grocery business in the employ of J. P. Michael & Co., of Rochester. Dec. 28, 1895, he began the retail grocery business on the south side of the public square in the city. Here he is carrying about \$3,000 worth of choice, fresh goods in his line. He has one of the best arranged stores for his business in Rochester. Success is bound to be the result of this business venture when it is fully understood that this is absolutely the only cash retail grocery house in this city. Mr. Kilmer was united in marriage May 30, 1894, to Miss Indiana Virginia Baker, daughter of the wealthy lumber man, An-



anias Baker. To Mr. and Mrs. Kilmer one child has been born, Helen Marie, who died May 23, 1895. In politics Mr. Kilmer is a democrat. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. He and Mrs. Kilmer are leading members of the Christian church. For three years he has been superintendent of the Christian Sunday school and is now president of the Christian Endeavor society and clerk of the church. He is a man of practical business attainment, and he and wife are numbered among the best people of the city.

JOHN KING, ex-sheriff of Fulton county and a familiar figure in democratic politics, was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, Oct. 16, 1840. He grew up in the village of Lockville and secured a meager education. He selected mechanics as a livelihood and when twenty years old began learning the carpenter's trade under an older brother, Henry King. Soon after completing his term of service he came to Fulton county and became a resident of New Castle township. He spent the succeeding twenty-five years in that township, doing largely the building and general improving on superstructure done during that period. His best residences were those of John Kesler, Sol. Wagner, Henry Heimbaugh, George Perschbaugher, Lawrence McArter, John Heimbaugh, Charles King and others to a grand total of 168 residences. He has built upward of sixty barns, five elevators and the shoe factory in Rochester. Mr. King became a citizen of Rochester late in the fall of 1892. He came as the sheriff elect and was inducted in to office Nov. 24 of that year. His majority was over 200. He demonstrated his capacity as a peace officer, and his efficiency as a public servant, but all this counted for naught so far as it affected the result at the next election. Democracy seemed to be doomed in 1894 and whoever happened to be its standard bearer went down with it. The landslide came along and Mr. King being his party's candidate for re-election went out of office just two years after he went in. The past two years Mr. King has had no business beyond supervising work on his farm and doing an occasional turn with saw and plane. Sept. 12, 1863, Mr. King was married in Fairfield county, Ohio, to Susan A., daughter of Washington Flood, born in Virginia; came to Ohio early and engaged in the confectionery business. He died about the year 1850. Mr. and Mrs. King's children are: Frances, twenty-nine, wife of George N. Clymer, of Rochester; Milo O., M. D., twenty-seven, graduated from Rush medical college, Chicago, May 28, 1896; Leander, twenty-four, a professional bookkeeper, graduated from Grand Rapids commercial college 1893; Annetta, twenty-one; Stella, eighteen; Albert fifteen, and Emma thirteen. Mr. King's first child, Sarah Jane, died at two years. John King is a son of Michael King, who married Susan, daughter of a Mr. Slagle, of German birth. Michael King was born in Berks county, Pa., 1808. He moved to Ohio about 1836. He was a farmer. His death occurred in this county 1868. His wife died four years later, aged sixty-three. Their family



consisted of: Anna, Mary, wife of David Boyer, of Franklin county, Ind.; Sarah, wife of Conrad Heimbaugh, of New Castle township, Fulton county. Michael, Fairfield county, Ohio; John, George, New Castle township, and Susan, now Mrs. Amos Selby, Rochester. John King is a Mason and a K. of P. His reputation is that of an honest, square, upright citizen. He is a useful member of society, useful to his family and useful to the public.

FRANCIS M. KLINE, a prosperous and representative farmer, was born in Union township, Marshall county, Ind., Dec. 16, 1855. His parents were Diebold and Elizabeth (Wingart) Kline, natives of Germany. His father was born June 14, 1814, and his mother Nov. 19, 1822. From the age of eight years Diebold Kline made his own way in the world. At the age of eighteen years he came to America and settled in Pennsylvania, where he was employed six years as a farm hand. He then went to Canada, where he was likewise employed for two years. He then went to Buffalo, N. Y., and there became a hostler for a lake captain. While thus engaged he visited Marshall county, Ind., and entered fifty-two acres of land on the east bank of Lake Maxinkuckee. Returning to Buffalo he married Elizabeth Wingart, in July, 1849, and immediately came to Indiana and settled on the above named fifty-two acres of land. Here he lived six years, then selling the land, purchased another tract in the same vicinity, and this latter tract of land his wife now occupies. Unto Diebold Kline and wife were born the following children: Theodore, George W., Francis M., Mary, deceased; Diebold, Henry W., deceased; John, William and Sarah. The father's death occurred May 14, 1887. Francis M. was married at the age of twenty-two to Sarah, daughter of Gideon and Justina Mahler. The above marriage has given issue to the following children: Bertha C., Mary E., Cleveland C. and Carrie D. Mr. Kline and his estimable wife are members of the Trinity Reform church. Politically he is a staunch democrat.

JOHN J. KUMLER, the present treasurer of Fulton county, is an esteemed citizen and prosperous farmer. He was a soldier in the civil war. He enlisted as a private in company K, Seventeenth Ohio regiment, Sept. 4, 1861. He was promoted in May, 1864, to corporal, and as such was discharged July 21, 1865. He participated in all of the battles of the army of the Cumberland, was in the Atlanta campaign, and was wounded at Missionary Ridge Nov. 25, 1863. He went into the army a democrat in politics, but came out a republican. He served one term as trustee of Wayne township, Fulton county, making an acceptable officer. In 1894 the republican party nominated him as its candidate for county treasurer, to which office he was elected in November of that year, and of which office he is the present acceptable incumbent. Mr. Kumler was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, Jan. 14, 1840. His parents were Henry and Leah



(Meinhart) Kumler. They were of German ancestry. Henry Kumler was a son of Henry Kumler, who was born in Germany. Mr. Kumler's parents were married in Ohio. They settled in Fairfield county, that state, where the mother died in 1844, when Mr. Kumler was but three and a half years old. She left one other child, a son, Noah Kumler, of Fairfield county, Ohio. The father subsequently married a second time, and became the father of several children. He followed farming, and lived many years in Fairfield county, where he died in 1884, at the age of seventy-seven years. His son, whose name introduces this brief mention, was brought up to farming and has followed the same throughout his career. He gained a limited education, having attended school just fifty-two and a half days. When the civil war came on he was a farm hand, working for eleven and one-half dollars per month. He came to Indiana in 1865, and settled in Fulton county, where he has since continued to reside. In the same year he married Almedia Urbin, a native of his own county. Mr. and Mrs. Kumler have had fourteen children, of which five are dead. They are members of the U. B. church. Mr. Kumler is a member of Bennett post, No. 183, G. A. R. He has been very successful as a farmer, and is widely and favorably known. His farm residence is in Wayne township.

F. M. LEAVELL, a well known farmer near Fulton, Liberty township, was born in Miami county, Feb. 25, 1834. His boyhood, youth and manhood have been passed on the farm. He was brought to Miami county, Ind., 1836, by his father, Richard Leavell, who died in 1849, aged forty. He married Nancy Dye, who still survives at eighty-seven. Her children are: Madison, Miami county; Eleanor, deceased, married E. Lowman, J. W., Miami county; F. M., J. P., Sarah, wife of George Marley, this county; Henry H., S. C., Osage county, Kan. Our subject was partially reared by his grandfather, Robert Leavell, who was born in South Carolina, went to Ohio as a pioneer and died there. F. M. Leavell got his start by working for wages. March 25, 1858, he was married in Miami county to Ruth Ann, a daughter of Eli Chalk, born in England. Mrs. Leavell was born in Cass county fifty-five years ago. Her children are: R. J., Rochester; J. F., George C., Nancy E., wife of Edwin Morris; Eva, wife of E. J. Dowd; Edwin E. and Ruth Gertrude. Mr. Leavell enlisted at Logansport, Ind., in company G, Seventy-third regiment, I. V. I., and went at once into Kentucky; was in the fight at Stone river; was on the raid with Col. Straight around Tusculumbia, Ala., and was captured near Rome, Ga., and taken to Bell island, near Richmond, but was exchanged at City Point soon after and rejoined the army around Nashville after a rest from June to November, 1863. Was detailed on the siege guns at Nashville for a time; served next on Tennessee river in Northern Alabama, and went back to Nashville at the close of the war and was mustered out about July 1, 1865. He returned to Perrysburg, Ind.,





at once and engaged in wagon making there the following seven years. He commenced farming in 1873 and has continued it since. He is a republican and has served as supervisor and is highly respected by the community. He owns a good farm one mile southwest of Fulton.

N. J. LIDECKER, owner and operator of the Akron saw-mill, is one of the most thoroughly reliable and progressive business men of Henry township and, during his nine years identification with the interests of Fulton county, has won the respect and confidence of all who know him. He was born Jan. 29, 1859, in Marshall county, Ind. His father, John Lidecker, a native of Prussia, came to this state sixty-four years ago, and for a time worked as a day laborer, but later became an engineer on the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne & Chicago railroad. He was married at Canal Dover, Ohio, to Julia Evil, whose father was also of German birth. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Lidecker became the wife of Jacob Stein, also now deceased. She is residing near Bremen, Ind. Her children are John and Charles, of Bremen; N. J.; Julia, wife of Frank Walters, proprietor of a hotel in Bremen; and William, who died in 1894. Throughout his life, N. J. Lidecker has been connected with the lumber trade. As a boy he worked in a saw-mill, and at the early age of sixteen was thrown entirely upon his own resources, but his energy and industry made his services in demand and he found no difficulty in securing employment. He is to-day the owner of one of the best saw-mills in Fulton county, having succeeded to the business of J. H. Bennett. This mill has a capacity of fifteen thousand feet per day, and furnishes employment regularly to nine men, who are engaged in the care of the manufactured product that is shipped to various parts of the country. Mr. Lidecker has given close attention to his business, has kept abreast with the improvement of the times in every particular, and is so thoroughly informed as to the needs of the trade that customers place the utmost reliance in his judgment, while his honesty is above question. He is now enjoying a large and lucrative business, and his success is certainly well merited. Mr. Lidecker was married in Marshall county, Ind., Aug. 2, 1883, to Sarah A. Smith, whose father, Michael Smith, was a native of Pennsylvania. They have a pleasant home in Akron, and many friends throughout the community. In politics Mr. Lidecker is a democrat.

CAPT. H. C. LONG, one of Rochester's oldest and best known citizens, was born in Boone county, Ind., May 31, 1837. His parents were Elihu and Susan (Martin) Long. The father, of Irish and English lineage, was born in Delaware, 1797, and died in Rochester, 1882. His mother was born of Scotch parentage, in Pennsylvania, in 1799, and died in Rochester, 1851. These parents were married in Highland county, Ohio, where their parents had settled in an early day. From Ohio they moved to Indiana, in 1828, first settling



near Indianapolis, but soon afterward they removed to Boone county, thence to Clinton county, thence to Pulaski county, and in 1847 they located in Rochester, where they lived till death called them away. Unto them were born eight children. The father was a shoemaker by trade and taught the subject of this brief mention the principles of this trade, which the son followed for many years. The father and son became associated as partners in the shoe business when our subject was twenty-one years of age. In 1881 Capt. Long discontinued the business and for five or six years thereafter was engaged in the carriage and buggy business. For the last several years he has been a notary public and pension attorney. In 1856 he and Adelaide Barnum were united in marriage. Unto the union were born a son and daughter, namely, Horace E. and Lewella. In September, 1861, Mr. Long enlisted in the Thirty-sixth Indiana infantry. Six months later he was discharged by special order from department commander. In August, 1862, he re-enlisted as a private in Company F, Eighty-seventh Indiana infantry. Upon the organization of this company he was chosen first sergeant, and soon passed the successive promotions of second and first lieutenant, and in April, 1863, was made captain of his company, and as such served until the close of hostilities, and June 10, 1865, was discharged. Capt. Long has always been identified with the republican party, and fraternally he has long been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Grand Army of the Republic.

WILLIAM MACKEY LOOMIS, one of the progressive and successful business men of Rochester, was born in Fulton county June 29, 1858, and is a son of Noah and Mary (Mackey) Loomis. The father was born in Massachusetts, and was a son of Norman Loomis, who was descended from an old Massachusetts family, whose first representatives in America were among the Mayflower emigrants. Norman Loomis and family came to Fulton county in an early day, and here the parents of our subject were married. Mary Mackey Loomis, the mother of our subject, was born in Indiana. She is a daughter of William Mackey, who came from the Old Dominion state to Fulton county at a very early date in the history of the county. Noah Loomis, the father of William M., died in 1860, and his widow and only child then made their home with our subject's maternal grandfather till his death, which occurred in 1876. William worked on the grandfather's farm and attended the common schools. He entered Wabash college in 1879, graduating in the class of 1884. He began farming immediately after his return from school, and continued the same up to 1894, when he became a merchant. He opened a dry goods store and has since conducted business in general merchandising. He has been secretary of the Fulton county Agricultural society, and his efforts were fruitful in rendering successful the fairs held by the society. In 1888 Mr. Loomis and Ella May Shepard were united in marriage. Unto the



union have been born two sons and two daughters, viz.: Zethie, Shepard, Dewey and Elta. Mr. Loomis is a member of the order of Knights of Pythias, and is a republican in politics.

REV. N. L. LORD.—Among the men whose lives have been an influence for good in this county is the venerable Rev. Nathan L. Lord, who was engaged in the ministry in this and adjoining counties for nearly a quarter of a century, but for the past dozen years practically retired. He was born in Lewis county, N. Y., Aug. 23, 1815. He grew up on his father's farm and at the age of five years was sent to the village school. He entered Amherst college at eighteen and was graduated from that famous university four years later. He engaged in teaching some three or four years, while reading preparatory to entering the ministry. At twenty-nine years of age he was licensed by the New York presbytery at Watertown and his first work was as a supply at Constableville, N. Y. The next year he started west, stopping temporarily at Shalerville, Ohio. The year 1845 he reached Dubois county, Ind., and there remained five years. He came north and was stationed at Plymouth, Ind., three years, at the end of which time he removed to the vicinity of Argos. While there he began his work in Rochester. In 1860 he moved his family here and has since been one of Rochester's most respected and valued citizens. He returned to educational work while filling the pulpit in this county, and was principal of a Rochester school and afterward was employed as assistant, teaching the languages exclusively. He retired from the school room about 1870, and from the ministry, except for an occasional funeral or other special sermon, about 1885. Since his retirement his time has been passed on a small farm west of Rochester, or at his home in this city. Rev. Lord is descended from the Lords of Norwich, Conn. His father, Gurdon Lord, being born there about 1780. At twenty years of age he emigrated west to New York state and aided in clearing up the county where our subject was born. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, and was a son of Nathan Lord, also a native of Connecticut. Gurdon married Sallie Dewey, from Massachusetts. Their children were Lydia Horr, who died at Ravenna, Ohio, 1893; John D., died at Leyden, N. Y.; Nathan L., and Mary Ann, deceased. Rev. Lord was married at Plymouth, Ind., in June of 1851, to Mrs. Emeline Hawley, a daughter of Squire Rose, a native of Canandaigua, who became one of the early citizens of Marshall county. Mrs. Lord's only child was by her first husband, and was a daughter named Helen, now the widow of Christopher Fitzgerald, who died in Rochester seven years ago, leaving the following children: Edwin H., druggist, Goshen, Ind.; Carrie, Nellie, and William L. Rev. Lord has kept aloof from politics. He has always been a strong and powerful advocate of temperance. His career has been blameless and spotless, and his life exemplary.

HON. CHARLES J. LORING, M. D., is one of the leading



physicians and surgeons of Fulton county, and a man of unquestioned public spirit and enterprise. He was born in Grant county, Ind., Sept. 22, 1850, and is a son of John and Nancy (Cain) Loring. His father was born in Darke county, Ohio, in 1804, and died at Monterey, Ind., in 1872. His ancestors, who were of French origin, were early settlers of New Jersey. Dr. Loring's mother was born in Randolph county, Ind., in 1823, and died April 26, 1896, in Marshall county, Ind. She bore her husband ten children, three of whom died in infancy. The parents of Dr. Loring were unable to give their children a good education, and hence the schooling the subject of this biography received was confined to the country schools. Early in his youth he developed strong love for books, and to them he made close application. Although he lived and worked on a farm till twenty-six years of age, his ambition to lead a professional life was made possible through school teaching as a stepping-stone. He secured a teacher's license at the age of eighteen years, and became a teacher. In the winter he taught in the district schools, and in the summer tilled the soil. Having previously taken up the study of medicine, he entered the Indiana medical college, at Indianapolis, in the fall of 1877. After taking a course in medicine, he located at Walnut, Ind., and began the practice of his chosen profession in 1878. In the fall of 1879 he re-entered the Indiana medical college, whence he graduated in March, 1880. In 1879 he married Augusta F. Bair, who died at Tiosa, Ind., in 1881, leaving a daughter, Dessa A. In 1882 he married Mrs. Malinda Phillips, nee Thompson. In 1883 he removed to Rochester, where he has grown into prominence, not only as a physician, but as a public spirited citizen. He has always been a firm republican in politics. His party made him its candidate for the legislature in 1894, and though he had a democratic majority to overcome in the county, he was elected to the office, and as a member of the house of representatives in the fifty-ninth session of the general assembly of 1895, he proved himself an able legislator. He was a member of the benevolent, scientific and statistical committees and was chairman of the committee on medicine, health and vital statistics. Having the disposition to favor all interests of public enterprise, he introduced the bill which became a law and which made it possible for the county commissioners to purchase toll roads, thus relieving the people of a great burden and hence encouraged the further and more extensive building of gravel roads throughout the counties. Dr. Loring is an active member of the I. O. O. F., in which he has filled all the offices of the subordinate lodge, and is a member of the grand lodge of the state. In 1890 he became a member of the order of Knights of Pythias, and has taken much interest in this fraternal organization. He has surmounted many obstacles that have come before him in the course of his life, and to-day he stands as an example of much that may be accomplished by industry, perseverance and integrity.





LEWIS M. LOUGH was born in Marion county, Ind., March 24, 1835. David Lough, his father, was born in Tennessee, Dec. 4, 1803. His great-grandfather was shipped from Germany to America and sold to the Quakers for his passage. There were three brothers shipped to America, each having to work out his passage, one being compelled to labor seven years. The father, David Lough, came to Indiana in 1822 and settled in Marion county. He removed to Fulton county in 1839, which was then in a very primitive state. The family of David Lough consisted of eleven children—Nancy, deceased; William, Lucinda, Jacob, Lewis, Harrison, John, Mary Jane, Mahala, deceased; Washington, deceased; David. Upon coming to Indiana he settled on the farm now owned by his son Harrison. At the time of his death he owned 240 acres. He died March 6, 1889. His wife preceded him in death, May 19, 1872. Lewis remained with his parents on the farm until he was thirty years of age, having in the meantime received but a common school education. However, he really made his own way from the age of twenty-one, just making his home with his father. At about the age of thirty Mr. Lough purchased some 120 acres of land, having saved enough to pay for the same. He had been interested in buying and selling stock. April 19, 1880, he married Mary F. Caple, the daughter of Andrew and Magdalena Caple, then residents of Union township, Fulton county. To this marriage have been born two children—Frank B. and Edith Anna. After his marriage Mr. Lough moved upon the farm he had previously purchased, where he has since resided. He has always been interested in farming and stock-raising, and been a staunch democrat. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. In the spring of 1879 he was appointed to fill the unexpired term of S. J. Barger as trustee of Aubbeenaubbee township. He was elected as trustee in 1880 for a term of two years. Mr. Lough is a prosperous and industrious farmer and owns 160 acres of valuable land, which he has greatly improved.

THOMAS F. LOVATT, a member of the board of commissioners of Fulton county, and one of the extensive and most progressive farmers of Indiana, is a native of Pennsylvania, born at Spruce Hill, Juniata county, in 1845. He is the son of William H. Lovatt, a native of Staffordshire, England, who was born Feb. 13, 1812, and came to the United States in 1842, settled in Pennsylvania and in the spring of 1848 removed to Troy, Ohio, and later removed to Piqua, Ohio, and in 1852 he came to Indiana and settled at Peru, where he is now residing. The mother of Mr. Lovatt was born in Juniata county, Pa., in 1819, and died at Peru, Ind., Dec. 26, 1877. Mr. Lovatt received a common school education and then learned the tailor's trade and then the moulder's and machinist's trade, and for a number of years managed Hackley's foundry and machine works at Peru and in 1879 he purchased the plant and continued the





THOMAS F. LOVATT.



same, until 1885, when he sold out and went to Ashtabula county, Ohio, and engaged in farming. There he had 400 acres of land and in 1886 made a trade for 806 acres in Fulton county, and to that he has since added forty acres, making now in one body 846 acres. This land was for many years known as the Rettig farm and is located six miles southwest of Rochester. Mr. Lovatt has employed his best effort and used a large sum of money in the improvement of this farm until now it is one of the best farms in northern Indiana. Mr. Lovatt also owns a farm of 170 acres located on the Wabash river, six miles from Peru, where he has valuable holdings. These farms are supplied with the latest improved machinery known to the science of agriculture and are arranged for raising and caring for stock. Mr. Lovatt was united in marriage April 11, 1878, to Mrs. Louisa Hackley, a native of Ohio. The father of Mrs. Lovatt was Samuel Rector, who was born near Lexington, Ky. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. He died in 1847 and is buried at Peru. Both the grandfathers of Mrs. Lovatt were soldiers in the Revolutionary war. To the first marriage of Mrs. Lovatt are these three children, viz.: Emma, now Mrs. A. Clevell; Cora A., now Mrs. H. E. Frick, of Peru, and L. R. Hackley, now a resident of Indianapolis, and connected with the electric light company of that city. Politically Mr. Lovatt is a pronounced republican and in 1894 was elected a commissioner of Fulton county, and during his term as such the new court house has been erected. He is a member of the Masonic and Pythian fraternities. He is a man of affairs and fully abreast of the times.

SILAS LOWMAN, a prominent and well known citizen of Liberty township, was born in Miami county, Ind., Dec. 29, 1846. He was reared and trained to the duties of the farm and when he started in life for himself he located in Cass county and resided there till coming into Fulton in 1872. He bought eighty acres in the forest and began the battle of life not under the most favorable circumstances. He has kept at the business of clearing and improving and reaching out for more land until he owns a farm of twice its original size and a good producer. Mr. Lowman married April 16, 1868, Mary C., a daughter of Charles McElwee, who married Catherine Bosh and settled in Cass county very early. Mrs. Lowman died July 1, 1881, leaving one child, Anna M., wife of E. Zigler, of this county. Dec. 29, 1881, Mr. Lowman married Margaret E. Senclair, daughter of George Senclair. The children of this union are: Edwin, Morris, Clara B. and Hughell. Silas Lowman is a son of Abraham Lowman, born near Dayton, Ohio. He died in Miami county, Ind., 1882, at seventy years of age. He married Jane B. Hughell, who was the mother of Ephraim, Huntington county; Susana, wife of E. Woodhouse, Cass county; Samuel, Marshall county; Elizabeth, deceased, wife of J. M. Persmete; Joseph, in Kansas; John, in Wabash county; Silas, Ilmary, married Elias Mc-



Cowan, and Richard, in Rochester; Nancy Jane Serber, wife of William Simons, of Mexico, Ind., was reared in this family. The mother of these children, who still survives, was born April 24, 1811. Our subject's paternal grandfather was born in Pennsylvania and was a soldier in the war of 1812. He affiliated with the republican party, as does our subject, who is one of the party leaders in his township.

ROBERT S. LOWRY, born in Wyandott county, Ohio, Sept. 30, 1847, is a son of Josiah S. and Jennie Lowry. His parents were natives of Pennsylvania. The father was a son of Josiah Lowry, a native of Scotland. The subject of this sketch is one of four children. His parents moved into Ohio from Pennsylvania. In Ohio the mother died; and subsequently the father married and by his second marriage became the father of five children. He died in 1892, aged seventy-three years. Robert S. Lowry began the battle of life for himself at the age of fifteen years. His first employment was that of "water-boy" with a railroad construction crew. Afterward he became a railroad brakeman, and in 1865 went west, where he aided in construction of the Union Pacific railroad. Then going to California he followed railroading in the far west for about three years. In 1869 Mr. Lowry returned to Chicago, and for fourteen years thereafter was employed in the capacity of conductor by the Pennsylvania railroad company, being a passenger conductor for thirteen years of the time. In 1883 he aided in the construction of the Vandalia branch from Logansport northward. After that he followed farming near Kewanna till 1885, in which year he embarked in the hardware business, in which he has since remained, residing at Kewanna. In 1873 Mr. Lowry and Alice Cushion were united in marriage. Unto the union there have been born Jennie, Alice and Robert S. Mr. Lowry has always been active as a democrat in politics. In 1890 he was elected trustee for Union township and served thereafter as such until August, 1895. He is a Knight Templar Mason, a progressive and successful business man, and a representative citizen.

JOHN B. McMAHAN, farmer and merchant at Bearss, Ind., is a native of Bartholomew county, this state, and was born Oct. 4, 1845; son of William and Louisa (Love) McMahan, natives of Kentucky. The father was born May 11, 1817, and died in Fulton county, Ind., June 21, 1895, and the mother was born in May, 1823, and also died in this county in September, 1871. The family came to Fulton county in 1847 and settled in Rochester township, south-east of Rochester. In early life the father learned the tailor's trade, at which he worked for some time. He was a prominent man in this county and had held the offices of township trustee and county commissioner. The major part of his life was devoted to farming and at which he was considered successful. The subject of this mention is the eldest of thirteen children, of whom six are living. He was





raised upon the farm and was educated at the public schools of this county. Later he began teaching during the winter season and worked upon the farm in summer. He continued teaching for fifteen terms. Twenty-four years ago he began farming for himself and in April, 1876, removed to his present farm, in the southwestern part of Rochester township, where he has seventy-three acres of fine land. In 1893 he opened a store in the neighborhood and was instrumental in the establishment of Bearss postoffice, and in May, 1893, was commissioned postmaster. This office has a daily mail from Rochester and is a great convenience to the people in that locality. The business venture of establishing a store at Bearss has been successful. In politics Mr. McMahan has always affiliated with the democratic party and in political affairs he has always manifested an active interest. Dec. 28, 1871, he was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca Goss, a daughter of George and Elizabeth Goss. To this marriage relation are these twelve children, viz.: Lorena, Daisy, Josephine, Sarah, Otto, Hugh, Thomas, William, Pat, John, Josie and an infant as yet unnamed. The mother of these children, a member of one of the old families of this county, was born in Liberty township March 14, 1853. The family is highly respected and Mr. McMahan is one of the honorable men of Fulton county and a member of the order of K. O. T. M.

HORACE C. MACKEY, of Rochester, is a son of one of Fulton county's first settlers. William Mackey, who lived for years just on the outskirts of Rochester, and was a prominent character, was born in Virginia, near Natural Bridge, Rockbridge county, being a descendant of one of the first white families to settle that county. His birth occurred about eighty-five years ago. In 1835 he rode on horseback from there to Fulton county and entered land in New Castle township. He did not settle on it, but returned to Virginia and remained five years longer. He cast his lot with this state in 1840 and took up his residence in Henry county. In 1849 he came to Fulton and bought a seventy-six-acre tract on the Michigan road of Riley Spencer. He was a prosperous farmer and a popular citizen. He was a strong union man and furnished two sons for the Union army. He married at Natural Bridge, Va., Rachel, a daughter of Joseph McClung. Rachel died in 1852, aged forty-one, leaving seven children. Joseph, deceased, was a prominent citizen of Wabash, Ind. Recruited One Hundred and First Indiana volunteers and was offered major's command, but declined to serve. Lizzie, deceased; Mrs. Mary Loomis, John C., died at Louisville, Ky., in Twenty-ninth Indiana regiment; Hester, wife of James Wilder; Horace C., born April 6, 1843; William, died 1882. Horace C. Mackey graduated from the Rochester public schools at thirteen years of age. Aug. 9, 1862, he enlisted in company D, Eighty-seventh Indiana volunteers, Capt Ward's and later Capt. Hughes' and lastly Capt. Elam's company. The regiment was mustered into



service at Indianapolis and was ordered to Louisville, Ky., to aid in checking Gen. Bragg's army. It struck the enemy at Perryville and followed him up to Triune, Tenn.; was in the Chickamauga fight; went with Sherman to the sea and on their return through the Carolinas to attend the grand review at Washington. During all his service Mr. Mackey was never absent from his regiment. He was mustered out of the service at Indianapolis July 23, 1865, sergeant of his company. On returning to civil pursuits Mr. Mackey engaged in farming, which of late years has given place to a miscellaneous and diversified vocation. Mr. Mackey sold his farm, the old Mackey homestead, to Dr. W. S. Shafer, in 1895, to be devoted to the use of the Rochester Normal university and on this tract the college building has been erected. To this enterprise Mr. Mackey lent not only his sympathy but of his substance and while the public are not acquainted with the extent of his donation the history of the consummation of the deal will reveal his connection with it. Mr. Mackey is the owner of several well improved properties in Rochester and laid out Mackey's addition to Rochester. In politics he is a republican and was once elected assessor, but a change in the law prevented his taking the office. April 6, 1868, Mr. Mackey married Lucy Dunlap, a daughter of James Dunlap, from Pennsylvania, who died here in 1855, one year after his advent to the state. He married Clara Stoughton, a cousin of Daniel Voorhees. Their children are: Rev. C. H. Dunlap, Philadelphia, Pa.; Alpheus, St. Louis, Mo.; Julia, wife of Michael Orr, Plymouth; Dr. W., Sedalia, Mo.; Lucy, and Mary, wife of Richard Van Deen, of this county. Mr. Mackey's children are: George M., twenty-six; Orrin S., twenty-two; Mary, twenty; Lottie, sixteen, and Colonel Gleason, six. The family are of the Presbyterian faith.

DANIEL MICKEY is the owner of one of the fine farms of Fulton county, on which he has made his home since 1866. It comprises 140 acres of rich and arable land, which has been brought to its present advanced state of cultivation by drainage and the many improvements which go to make up the model farm of the nineteenth century. When it came into his possession it was heavily timbered, but his earnest labors have transformed it into one of the best country homes of Fulton county. Mr. Mickey was born in Richland county, Ohio, Oct. 28, 1824. His father, Isaac Mickey, was probably a native of Maryland, and near the beginning of the present century became a resident of Ohio. He served as a soldier in the war of 1812, under William Henry Harrison. For his second wife he married Susan Brinley and three of their children are living: Daniel, Hiram and Lucinda. The parents died in Kosciusko county, Ind., in 1849, and were buried the same day. Our subject received but limited opportunities for securing an education, his privileges being those afforded in the typical log school house of the frontier. During his youth he shared in the hardships and trials of pioneer life.



and from an early age has been dependent entirely upon his own resources, so that the success he has achieved is the merited reward of his own labors. After eighteen years' experience as a pioneer of Kosciusko county, he came to Fulton county, and has since been identified with its interests. On Sept. 17, 1850, Mr. Mickey was joined in wedlock with Catherine Etzweiler, daughter of Jacob Etzweiler. She died eighteen years ago, leaving six children: William, now deceased; Ella, wife of A. Coplen, of Walnut, Ind.; Emma, wife of Washington Benton, of New Castle township; Frank, of Fulton county; Harvey, of New Mexico, and Katie, wife of Charles Peterson, of Wayne township. On questions of state and national importance Mr. Mickey gives an unwavering support to the democracy. He has long been a member of the Christian church, and his life is in harmony with his profession.

ENOCH M. MOORE, the son of Lindley and Lydia (Vanmeter) Moore, was born in Fulton county, Ind., Sept. 10, 1851. The father, Lindley Moore, was born in Ross county, Ohio, Sept. 9, 1806. The mother, Lydia Moore, was born in Ross county, Ohio, in July, 1813. The father remained with his parents until the age of twenty-four, having in the meantime labored on the farm and also operated a saw mill. In 1830, at the age of twenty-four, he was married to Lydia Vanmeter. He began life as a farmer, which he followed through life. In 1846 he came to Wayne township, Fulton county, Ind., and entered some 200 acres of land. Some two years later (1848) he, together with his wife and family, migrated to Indiana in a wagon, and settled on the land which he had entered. Here he remained until his death, being at that time the possessor of 480 acres of improved land. He died in 1877. The mother died just five days later. To this union were born the following children: Eliza Ann, Samuel, deceased; William, deceased; Joseph and Taylor, deceased were twins; Elias, deceased; Martha, deceased; Lindley, deceased; James, John and Enoch M., were twins, and George. Enoch M., the subject of this sketch, remained at home with his parents until the age of twenty-five, having in the meantime received but a common school education. Jan. 18, 1881, he was married to Ollie Brown, the daughter of Salathiel and Elizabeth Brown. Enoch having received his share of his father's estate, eighty acres of land, settled down on the same as a farmer. He now resides on this tract of land. At present he owns 100 acres of valuable land. To his marriage have been born the following seven children: Merrill, deceased; Leola, Elsie, Lelia, Lottie, Earl, Monnie. He and his wife are members of the United Brethren church. He has always been a staunch republican.

GEORGE MOORE.—Oct. 1, 1840, is the time when the gentleman whose name introduces this review and who, for many years, has been familiarly known as "Uncle George Moore," came to Fulton county. He is a native of Logan county, Ohio, born May 22,



1819, and is a son of George and Mary (Moore) Moore. His father was born in Pennsylvania in 1789. He was a soldier of the war of 1812 and died in Fulton county, Ind., in 1855. The paternal grandfather of Mr. Moore was George Moore, a native of Massachusetts. He was a soldier in the war of the Revolution and participated in many of the important battles of that conflict, among which may be mentioned Bunker Hill, Stony Point and Brandywine. By occupation he was a weaver, which vocation he followed almost until the time of his demise at more than ninety-nine years of age, when death came to him in Jasper county, Ind., July 18, 1848. The mother of the subject of this biography was born in Ohio and died in Logan county, of that state, in 1823. He was raised in Logan county, Ohio, and attended school there. In early life he learned the wheelwright and chairmaker trades and these vocations he followed until about 1865. Upon coming to this county he first settled in the woods about six miles east of Rochester, where he lived for some eighteen months, when he removed to Rochester, and here lived until the spring of 1848, when he removed to his present place of residence, about three miles east of Rochester. Since 1865 Mr. Moore has been engaged in farming and now owns in this county about 455 acres of good land. As a farmer Mr. Moore has been successful. He was united in marriage in 1842 to Miss Eleanor Quigg, who died in Rochester soon after the marriage. In November, 1844, Mr. Moore married Miss Rebecca Clark, who was born in Lewis county, Va. To Mr. and Mrs. Moore are these three living children, viz.: Milton H., Charles and Frank. The right of political suffrage has been cast with the fortunes of the republican party since its birth, and Mr. Moore is a pronounced advocate of a protective tariff. He cast his first presidential vote for Henry Clay. In 1876 he was the nominee of his party in Fulton county for commissioner, and while he was not successful at the election he reduced the democratic majority of the county very perceptibly. He is a member of the Presbyterian church and one of the honorable old settlers and citizens of his adopted county.

**WILLIAM D. MOORE**, a farmer and reputable citizen of Aubbeenaubee township, was born in Burlington, Burlington county, N. J., on Jan. 8, 1830. His parents were Mark and Sarah Ann (Carty) Moore, and natives of New Jersey, from which state they removed in the year 1839, settling in Union township, Fulton county, where they lived until death called them away from the scenes of mortal toil. They had the following children: Rebecca Ann, deceased; William D.; Julia L., deceased; Lewis, deceased; Charles W.; Eliza, deceased; Justina, deceased. William D. was a lad of nine years when his parents settled in this county. With his parents he remained on the farm until twenty-one years of age, and then marrying Dec. 5, 1850, he began life for himself. The marriage was with Sarah Allen, a daughter of Obadiah and Sarah Allen, of Rochester





township, this county. The issue of this marriage was as follows: Evaline, Josephine, Mark Bird, Mary Jane, deceased; Obadiah C.; Sarah Rebecca, deceased; William Andrew, deceased; Milo, deceased, and Laura deceased. The mother of these children died in 1876, and later the father married Mary A. Merideth, a daughter of Ambrose Merideth, Esq. To this marriage one child, Letty, was born, and then the mother died in 1878. The following year Mr. Moore married Mrs. Salome Sturgeon, nee Atkinson, a daughter of William and Sarah Atkinson. Unto the third marriage of Mr. Moore three children were born. Of the three children only Lee is living. At the time of Mr. Moore's first marriage his father gave him forty acres of land, on which his present residence is located. He has prospered as a farmer and now owns a good farm of 140 acres. Mr. Moore has served as trustee of his township three terms, being first elected in 1861. He has always been identified with the democratic party. Both he and his wife are active members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and enjoy the esteem of a wide acquaintance.

DR. J. M. MORRIS is the oldest practicing physician in years of continuous service in Fulton. He was born in Lancaster, Ohio, July 11, 1841, a son of Mitchell and Elizabeth (Hardesty) Morris. The father was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, in 1812, and there died in 1894. He was a successful farmer and stock-dealer and was active in politics, serving as treasurer of his county for eight years, and as coroner for four years. The children of the family are Rhoda O.; Mary, wife of Lewis Hunter, of Fairfield county, Ohio; J. M., of this review; Jennie, wife of J. J. Smith, of Wells county, Ind.; Sarah, wife of Morris Turner, of Jersey City, Ohio; Dr. George M., of Hadley, Ind.; and Emma, of Lancaster, Ohio. Dr. Morris, of this sketch, was reared as a farmer's son and acquired his literary education in the district and village schools. Prompted by patriotism, he enlisted in the Union service in 1861, at Lancaster, Ohio, as a member of company C, Eleventh Ohio infantry, which was sent to Camp Dennison, then on to St. Louis, Mo., and to Fort Laramie, Wyoming. The duty of the regiment was to protect the mail routes and other government interests on the frontier. The doctor entered the service as a private, but meritorious conduct won him promotion to the rank of sergeant major, and as such he was mustered out in Omaha, Neb., in April, 1865. Returning at once to Lancaster, he began the study of medicine the next year, with Dr. R. J. D. Peters. He was graduated from the medical college in Columbus, Ohio, and in order to further perfect himself in his chosen calling he has since attended lectures at the Rush medical college of Chicago, and the Keokuk medical college, of Keokuk, Iowa. He began practice in Wells county, Ind., and in 1871 located at Twelve Mile, in Cass county, where he did a successful business for ten years, since which time he has been accorded recognition as the leading



practitioner of Fulton. He is popular with his professional brethren and with the public and has been deservedly successful. On May 28, 1872, at Twelve Mile, was celebrated the marriage of Dr. Morris and Miss Sarah J. Sargent, who was born in Pennsylvania, in 1846. Their children are Fannie V., aged twenty-two; Charles H., twenty years of age; James A., a youth of fifteen; and May, a maiden of eleven summers. In politics the doctor is a democrat.

**HENRY F. MOW.**—This representative of one of the early families of Fulton county was born in Richland township, this county, about one-half mile from Richland Center, on June 5, 1847. The father of Mr. Mow was born in Ohio in 1827, and died in Fulton county, Ind., in 1869. He was a soldier of the late war and enlisted in 1861 in company F, Eighty-seventh Indiana volunteer infantry and served his country for a little over one year when, as first lieutenant, he was honorably discharged on account of contracted physical disability. The mother of Henry F. Mow was Eleanor (Holdstock) Mow, a native of New York state, who was born in 1828 and died in Fulton county, Ind., in 1874. The Mow family came to Fulton county in 1839, and the Holdstock family settled here two years previous, so that both of these families were among the early settlers of this county, and fully experienced the trials and difficulties of life in the woods. The subject of this review was raised in Richland township, and at its schools received his early education. At twenty years of age he began farming for himself and for three years lived upon what was known as the Shryock farm, and after the death of his father he farmed the old Mow homestead, which he and his brother, E. H. Mow, purchased after the death of the mother. On this farm he continued until 1884, when he bought his present farm, now consisting of 115 acres, and located on the Michigan road, three miles north of Rochester. This farm is well improved and about ninety acres are under cultivation. Mr. Mow was united in marriage Jan. 1, 1866, to Miss Phila Davis, who died in June, 1879, leaving two children, viz.: Finley E. and Aquilla Ray. March 15, 1881, Mr. Mow, for his second wife, married Miss Hannah W. Barnett, a native of Cass county, Ind., and a daughter of Henry and Nancy Barnett. The father of Mrs. Mow died in Marshall county, Ind., in 1891, and her mother died in Fulton county in 1894. To the union of Mr. and Mrs. (Barnett) Mow are these children, viz.: Lillie M., Maude L., Robert D. and Benjamin R. In political affairs Mr. Mow has always taken an active part in the interests of the republican party, and has devoted much time to promote its success. For twenty-seven years he has been a member of Rochester lodge, No. 47, I. O. O. F., and he and wife are members of the M. E. church and are among the prominent people of this county.

**ENOCH MYERS**, attorney at law, was born in Fulton county, Ind., Aug. 5, 1849. His father, John Myers, was born in Pennsylvania May 21, 1802. His mother, Elizabeth (Curtner) Myers, was



born near Knoxville, Tenn., June 17, 1813. She died in Fulton county, Ind., Feb. 4, 1887. The father died in this county Oct. 6, 1886. The parents were married in Carroll county, Ind., Feb. 14, 1832. Nine living children survive them. The name Myers was originally spelled Moyers. John Myers, Enoch's father, was a son of George Myers, a German, whose parents became settlers in Shelby county, Ohio, in 1804. He died in that county. In 1827 John Myers came from Ohio to Carroll county, Ind., where he resided for sixteen years, following farming. He then removed to Fulton county, and here lived till death ended his long, useful and successful life. His son Enoch toiled on the farm in his youth; attended first the country schools, then schools of Rochester and later Battle Ground collegiate institute. He taught his first school when eighteen years of age. He spent six or seven years in the school room as a teacher. He was made county superintendent of schools for Fulton county in 1875, and for six years thereafter held the office. He is said to have made a proficient official, and to have done much to raise the standard of the county schools. While in this office he took up the study of law, and was admitted to the bar in 1880. He has long since been recognized as a lawyer of no mean ability, and now stands in high repute in his profession. In 1876 Mahala E. Troutman, daughter of Capt. P. S. Troutman, of Kewanna, became Mr. Myers' wife. In politics he has been active as a democrat. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Pythias order, and of the Knights of the Maccabees.

**JONAS MYERS.**—This soldier of the Rebellion, ex-postmaster of Rochester, and honorable citizen, was born in Washington county, Pa., Feb. 20, 1829, and is a son of Jacob and Rosana (Long) Myers. The former was born in Washington county, Pa., in 1808, and died in Miami county, Ind., in 1883, while the latter was born in Maryland in 1807 and also died in Miami county in 1886. With his parents the subject of this review came to Indiana in 1839, and settled in Miami county, where he obtained a common school education and in 1848 came to Rochester and here learned the carpenter's trade, at which he continued for some years. Aug. 8, 1862, he enlisted in company F, Eighty-seventh I. V. I., and served his country faithfully until May 10, 1865, when, as second lieutenant, he was discharged at Washington. He participated in the battles of Perryville, Chickamauga, Peach Tree Creek, Chattanooga, Jonesboro, Atlanta, Resaca, Ringgold and many minor engagements. He was in the memorable march to the sea and in the grand review of war heroes at Washington. Since the war he has for many years been engaged in the planing mill business and while thus engaged in July, 1875, he lost his right forearm. Politically Mr. Myers is an uncompromising republican. April 24, 1890, he was appointed postmaster at Rochester and served until April 6, 1894. He, with the assistance



of Miss Emma Graeber, gave the people an efficient postal service. Mr. Myers has been three times married, and his present wife, Elizabeth H. Myers, nee Clayton, became his bride in 1867. Two children have been born to this union: Indianola E. and Stella P. Mr. Myers is a member of the I. O. O. F. and McClung post, No. 95. G. A. R.

THOMAS NELLANS, a leading and prosperous farmer of Richland township, was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, April 8, 1818. He grew up, was schooled sparingly and was married there and something more than fifty years ago left the state of his birth and came to Fulton county, Ind. He settled in New Castle township on a new farm and remained a resident of that township till about 1881, when he sold the old homestead and bought his present farm. He came to this state poor and in search of a home. His is one of the desirable homes one would find in a day's journey and is a fitting place for its owner, who has spent the best years of his life in making it, to pass his last years. In 1839 Mr. Nellans was married to Maria, a daughter of E. Strohsneider. She was born in 1820 and is the mother of eleven children, eight of whom are living: Nacky, married David Boyd, of Schuyler county, Ind.; Mary E., wife of William Clark, of Marshall county; John N., George, Havana, wife of W. Robinson, of Marshall county; Allie, wife of Thomas Nelson, Kosciusko county; Ami and Mack. Mr. Nellans' father, Patrick Nellans, was a millwright and born of Irish parents. He married Nacka Tipton and died in Coshocton county, Ohio. His children were: Keziah, who married Stephen Merriday; Thomas, Moses, deceased; James, Marshall county; Mark, deceased; Ezekiel, deceased, and Aps, Rochester township. Mr. Nellans is a democrat and has no membership in any society.

NOAH A. W. NORRIS is one of the successful and representative farmers of New Castle township. He is descended from the Norrises of colonial days, who settled in New England and whose descendants are to be found in every state and territory of the Union. Our subject's great-great-grandfather Norris was a Scotch immigrant. His name was Joseph and he was one of three brothers to seek a home in the western hemisphere. He removed his family to western Pennsylvania and was there a successful farmer and stock dealer. He was murdered on one of his trips home from market. This man's son William and his son Joseph were our subject's great-grandfather and grandfather, respectively. The latter was born in Pennsylvania and died in eastern Ohio. Our subject's father, John Norris, was born in Pennsylvania, was reared in Ohio, and when married he entered a part of the town site of Fostoria, Ohio. He afterward moved near Findlay, Ohio, and resided there till his going to Texas, dying there in Denton county some twenty years ago. He was born in 1808. Was married to Sarah, daughter of George





Clark, who was born in Ireland, settled in Pennsylvania and there married Margaret Wilson, a daughter of Erin. John Norris' children were: Joseph, deceased; Nancy, wife of A. J. Anderson, of Denton, Texas; George W., Saunders county, Neb.; Marion, deceased, and Noah A. W. The last named was born Dec. 9, 1837, and grew up on the farm; was sparingly educated in the common schools and perhaps most effectively by the fireside. He was born in Hancock county, Ohio, but left there in 1864, joining a freighting train, crossed the plains to Virginia City, Mont., and served as cook and wagonmaster. He returned to civilization in the fall of 1865, and the next year came to Fulton county. He engaged the first summer in clearing under lease of Thomas Norris. He was a partner with M. V. Cop, saw-milling the next season, and the next year he was a land owner and busily engaged in clearing his forty acres, for which he had gone in debt \$700. He paid out and lived comfortably and bought forty acres more on the south. He built a house costing \$1,500 and grain house costing \$120. He bought twenty acres more and built a barn costing \$488. He has since bought fifteen acres more and now owns 115 acres, all of which he has secured as a result of his own industry and good management. In December, 1867, Mr. Norris married Elizabeth Anderson, sister of Robert Anderson, of this township. She died Sept. 12, 1894, leaving these children: Russell, William W., Viola, John R. and Mary E., all living in this township. Nov. 28, 1895, Mr. Norris married Emma Murphy, of Miami county. Mr. Norris is an active member of the Baptist church and ranks among leading citizens.

W. V. S. NORRIS, trustee of Liberty township, and one of the rising young farmers of Fulton county, was born in this county, Sept. 23, 1861, a son of Lemuel and Drusilla (Jones) Norris. The father was born in Miami county, Ind., and by occupation was a farmer, but during the period of the civil war he put aside all business cares and went to the defense of the Union, as a soldier in the Northern army. His death occurred in 1868, and his wife passed away in 1876. Their children are Jennie, wife of "Ams" Watkins, of Middletown, Ind.; William, of Cass county, and W. V. S. All his life Mr. Norris has been connected with agricultural pursuits. His education was obtained in the district schools and in the Rochester high school. At the age of fourteen he was left an orphan and since that time has made his way in the world unaided. He worked for others uninterrupted until 1885. On attaining his majority he began teaching school in the winter months, following that profession for four years. His first wages were invested in sheep and still later in land, and the outcome of both was successful. In 1886 he began farming on his own account northeast of Fulton, and is to-day the owner of three farms, aggregating 200 acres, besides valuable personal property, all of which has been acquired through his own exertions and capable management. He was elected township trus-



tee on the republican ticket in November, 1894, and Aug. 5, 1895, assumed the duties of the office. Mr. Norris was married Feb. 9, 1887, to Celia M. Hedges, daughter of Allen Hedges, a native of New York, who came to Indiana before the war, and settled in Cass county, where Mrs. Norris was born Dec. 19, 1862. Her father died in 1886, at the age of fifty-four, his wife in 1891, aged fifty-five years. They had two children, the son being Almon S., of Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Norris have four children: Elzie, aged eight; Elmer, aged six; Hugh, three years of age, and Verne, a baby of one year.

B. F. OVERMYER, M. D., one of the prominent physicians and citizens of Fulton county, has resided in this county since the spring of 1882. April 1 of that year he opened an office at Leiter's Ford, where he has since conducted an active and remunerative practice in his profession. Dr. Overmyer was born in Lindsey, Sandusky county, Ohio, March 27, 1856. His parents were William and Elizabeth (Eversole) Overmyer. His father, a native of Union county, Pa., was a son of John George Overmyer, who was of German origin. Dr. Overmyer's mother was a native of Virginia. The doctor was reared to farming, but after gaining a common school education, began teaching at the age of nineteen years. For two years he taught school in Michigan and then for three years in Ohio. Meanwhile he took up the study of medicine. March 23, 1882, he graduated from the Starling medical college, of Columbus, Ohio, and immediately located at Leiter's Ford. In a short time after locating there he became a partner of his father-in-law, in general merchandising. Five years later his father-in-law died, and for eight years thereafter the doctor conducted the business alone, up to the fall of 1895, when his nephew became a partner in the business. The doctor was married Dec. 28, 1881, to Miss Nellie Storm, daughter of Milton Storm, Esq. He is a firm and active worker in the ranks of the republican party, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to the Camp Militant of the order.

ARTHUR E. PENDLETON.—Mr. Pendleton, trustee of Rochester township, Fulton county, Ind., is a native of Madison county, Ind., born July 28, 1830. He is a son of John B. and Maria (Edney) Pendleton, both natives of North Carolina, who in 1823 came to the Hoosier state and settled in Wayne county, where they resided until 1830, when they removed to Madison county, where the father died in 1839, and the mother at the ripe old age of eighty-four years. The subject of this sketch resided in Madison county until about thirty-five years of age and then removed to Henry county, where he lived for ten years and in the spring of 1875 he came to Fulton county and settled in Richland township, where the residence was continued for nine years. He then moved to Rochester township and for the last five years he has been a resident of the city of Rochester. The life of Mr. Pendleton has been that of a farmer and in politics he has always been an earnest supporter of the repub-





GEORGE PERSCHBACHER.



lican party. In 1883-84 he was township trustee of Richland township and in 1894 he was elected to the same position in Rochester township. In township affairs his policy is to enforce economy wherever it is possible. Mr. Pendleton was united in marriage in 1853 to Miss Mary A. Richwine, who was born in Wayne county, Ind., and died in Fulton county, Ind., in 1878. Born of this union were nine children, the following six of whom are living: Dr. C. B. Pendleton, of Mechanicsburg, Henry county, Ind.; Clinton V., Charles A., a merchant of Richland township, this county; Nannie J., now Mrs. McClure, who resides in California; Warren D., and Franklin O. Mr. Pendleton is a member of the Masonic fraternity and one of the highly respected citizens of this county.

GEORGE PERSCHBACHER is a self-made man, who began life empty-handed, but by marked business ability, industry, energy and perseverance has worked his way steadily upward to a position of affluence. He was born near Baltimore, Md., July 7, 1833. His parents, George and Anna D. (Grayer) Perschbacher, were natives of Hessen Darnstadt, the father born Jan. 18, 1794, and the mother July 1, 1802. They were married April 23, 1825, and on April 19, 1833, sailed for America. After a year spent near Baltimore, they located in York county, Pa., and in 1839 became residents of Wayne county, Ind., whence in 1845 they came to Fulton county. The father bought a tract of land in the forest near Tiosa, where he developed an excellent farm, reared his family, and spent his remaining days. He died March 23, 1866, and his wife April 24, 1881. George Perschbacher is the fourth of their nine children. He was reared on the frontier farm, and in early life fitted himself for teaching, which profession he ably followed for a number of years. His earnings went toward the purchase of a home, and then to its improvement. Abandoning school teaching, he engaged in farming and in the handling of grain and stock, and so well have his business interests been managed that he is to-day the owner of 540 acres of valuable land in Fulton county, together with extensive commercial interests in Tiosa, his investments there amounting to \$10,000. This includes the ownership of the elevator and leading stores of the village. On April 2, 1854, Mr. Perschbacher married Jane Wright. Her father, James Wright, was born in Maryland, July 26, 1813, and married Margaret, daughter of William Reid, a native of Virginia. Mrs. Perschbacher was the first white child born in New Castle township, Fulton county. She died in March, 1887, leaving the following children: Ellen, wife of E. S. Bair, of Tiosa; Anna, wife of George Kiler, who lives on the Riverside farm; Nora B., wife of Obadiah Haimbaugh; Alma J., wife of C. D. Shobe, of Tiosa; Miles W., who operates the old homestead; and Hattie E. In March, 1891, Mr. Perschbacher wedded Mrs. Martha Plank, widow of Dr. A. K. Plank, of Rochester. In the fall of the same year he moved his family to Rochester, where he is now living retired, save for the



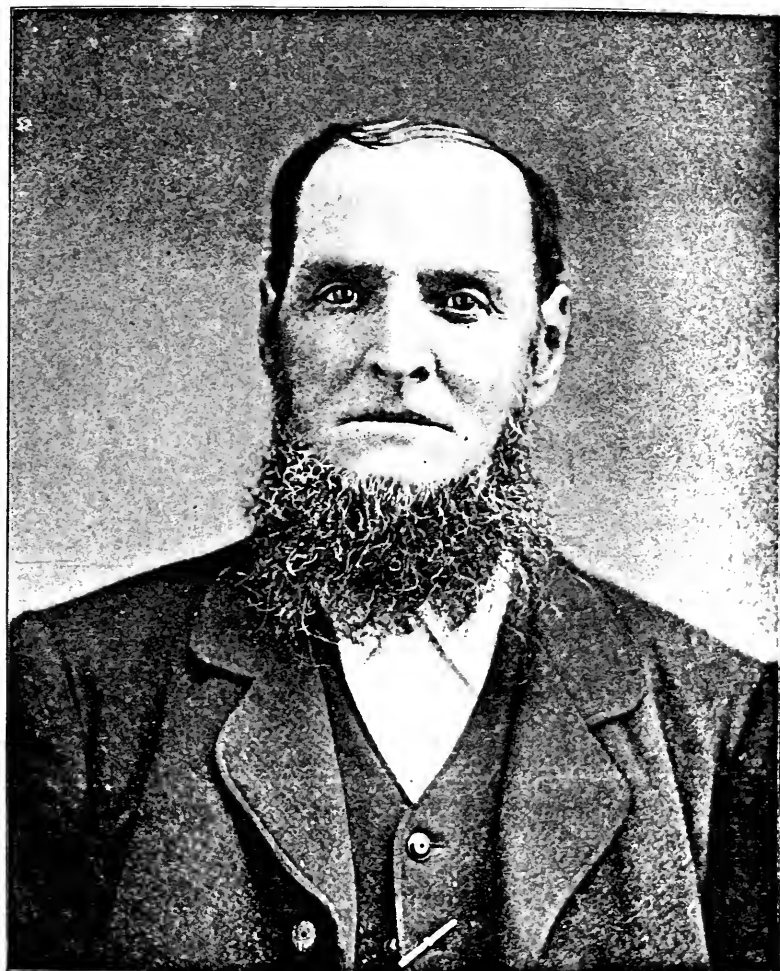


superintendence of his investments. In 1872 he was elected on the democratic ticket as county assessor and land appraiser, filling the position with satisfaction to all. He was one of the promoters of the Agricultural and Mechanical society of Fulton county, and for many years has been a consistent Christian, a faithful member of the Evangelical Lutheran church.

OLIVER C. POLLEY was born in New London county, Conn., March 17, 1821. His father, Oliver C. Polley, Sr., was born in the same county and state Jan. 8, 1794. He married Abigail Payne, Nov. 30, 1815. She was a native of the same state and was born July 2, 1790, and died June 10, 1826. They were both of English descent. On Feb. 27, 1828, he was married to Lura Abell. She was born in Lisbon county, Conn., Sept. 28, 1808, and died April 15, 1869. Soon after his marriage he emigrated west and settled in Ohio in 1830, where he died Sept. 6, 1842. The subject of this sketch came from his native state and settled with his parents in Huron county, Ohio, when he was about eight years of age. He received a common school education, grew to manhood, and was married Nov. 1, 1846, to Eliza M. Mehrling, the daughter of Peter and Mary Mehrling, natives of Pennsylvania. The father was born Dec. 2, 1801, and the mother May 31, 1804. They came to Ohio in 1832, and then to Indiana in 1849, where he died Jan. 14, 1874. Mr. and Mrs. Polley have had five children, only one of whom is now living. Their names are: Mary E., Oliver P., Andrew, an infant, and George W. The last named is the only living one. George W. has the management of his father's farm, and is a worthy young man. Mr. Polley came to Indiana in 1849 and settled in Fulton county, where he bought land, then in the heavily wooded district along the river. By hard and persistent labor he converted it into a highly cultivated tract of land. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Polley has lived a long and useful life, and much credit is due him. He came to the county in an early day, and he has given much aid to the development of the country. He has always been progressive and has stood as a firm friend of both church and education. In his declining years his blessings are many. Surrounded with a good wife, a faithful son, many friends and a good home, he enjoys the fruits of an exemplary life.

PHILIP RADER is a retired farmer and pioneer of Henry township, who has devoted the best energies of his life to the improvement of the lands of Fulton county, transforming the wild tracts into rich fields, whose productiveness adds materially to the prosperity of the county. He came to Indiana from Ohio, his native state, his birth having occurred in Montgomery county, July 4, 1824. His father, Philip Rader, who was born in Wythe county, Va., moved to Ohio in an early day. He was of German descent and married Miss Cress for his first wife and after her death wedded Elizabeth Siddon, of English lineage. With an ax upon his shoulder, Philip Rader,





PHILIP RADER.





MRS. PHILIP RADER.



of this sketch, left home to carve out his own fortune, and by working in this way he started in life. After working for one year for his father for \$100, he was married Dec. 18, 1846, to Margaret Stradley, and with his bride and his small capital began housekeeping a mile east of Akron on a forty-acre farm which he had purchased. Five years later he sold this place with the intention of removing to Illinois, but circumstances prevented and he purchased his father's farm, which in 1863 he exchanged for 170 acres of land in Henry township, two miles east of the village. There he profitably carried on farming until 1886, when with the handsome competence acquired through his own labors he removed to Akron, where he has since lived retired. Mrs. Rader, who has been his faithful helpmeet for many years, was born in Delaware and her father, Caleb Stradley, was among the pioneers who opened up this locality to civilization. He was the first justice of the peace of Henry township, and for several years did his judicial business in his log cabin, two and one-half miles southwest of where Akron now stands. Mr. and Mrs. Rader are the parents of the following named children: W. N., of Henry township; Sarah E., wife of Joseph Nelson, of Disco; Schuyler, of Henry township; Albert W., of Huntington, Ind.; and Clara, wife of William Morrett, of Henry township. Deeply interested in America, Mr. Rader has traveled quite extensively over this country, thus gaining a knowledge of his native land that could not be acquired from history. Accompanied by his wife, he visited the Centennial exposition in 1876, returning by way of the Atlantic states and visiting New York, Niagara and other points of interest. Some years later they took a six months' trip through the west, at length reaching San Diego, Cal., and returning by way of the Central Pacific route. They thus visited some twenty-six states and territories, and viewed the grandeur of the Rocky mountains and other magnificent scenery of the west. After a life well spent in fruitful toil they are now enjoying rest from labor in their pleasant home in Akron, and Mrs. Rader is now the oldest living resident of Henry township. Her brother, Luther Stradley, was the first white child born in the township.

ALONZO L. RANNELLS, a well known business man of Rochester, and one of the best hotel men that ever opened a register in Fulton county, was born in this city Feb. 10, 1851. He has resided here all his life and was educated at Urbana, Ohio, Swedenborgian college, and at Richmond, Ind., later received his training in business at this point. His training for the hotel business began when thirteen years old, when his father opened the Central house in 1864. In course of time he was taken into the business as a partner, the firm being R. M. Rannells & Son. Some time after his father's death, April 21, 1886, Mr. Rannells retired from this old hostelry, which is yet a part of the family estate, and when the Arlington was completed Mr. Rannells in company with Charles D. Sissen





opened it and conducted it two years. Since then Mr. Rannells has devoted himself to his farming and other important interests. His farm lands are situated in Rochester and Henry townships. Mr. Rannells was married in Rochester June 13, 1876, to Emma L., daughter of Daniel Sterner, who came originally from Pennsylvania. Mrs. Rannells was born at Bristol, Ind., in 1855. Our subject's father, R. N. Rannells, was born in Crawford county, Ohio, March 21, 1827. He came to Fulton county with his parents in 1838. Four years later his father engaged in merchandising here, and took his son in as a partner. This business was conducted for sixteen years successfully, but the in-door confinement was proving disastrous to the health of the son and he retired and undertook farming. When the Eighty-seventh regiment was raised and equipped for service for the Union, Mr. Rannells was appointed a quartermaster by Gov. Morton. He served with his regiment till failing health forced him to resign, leaving behind him a most creditable record as a faithful servant and efficient officer. He returned home in 1864 and engaged in the hotel business, opening the Central house, conducting it to his death. In 1848 he was married to Elizabeth Spencer, born in Ohio in 1830. Their children are: W. S., Alonzo L. and Lycurgus E., deceased. Our subject's grandfather William Rannells, was born in Virginia, and there married Susan Rannells. He was a member of the state legislature from Fulton county two terms and died in Rochester in 1850. A. L. Rannells is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of the order of Knights of Pythias, Red Men, and National Union.

**WILLIAM W. RANNELLS**, a native of Adams county, Ohio, was born July 12, 1852, and is a son of James R. Rannells, who was born in Virginia in 1836. He is the only survivor of six brothers and now resides in Rochester. The mother of William W. was Orpha J. Rannells, whose maiden name was Fenton, a descendant of the famous Fenton family of Kentucky. She was born in Adams county, Ohio, and died in Rochester, Ind., in 1864. As early as 1838 the Rannells family became known in northern Indiana by the coming of two brothers, who first settled near Leesburg, where the grandfather of our subject died. The paternal grandmother of Mr. Rannells kept an early day tavern in Rochester. Mr. Rannells came to Rochester in 1862. He obtained a common school education and at seventeen years of age he began learning the blacksmith trade in the shop of J. W. Rannells, who was for forty years a blacksmith. For quite a number of years he has been engaged in business for himself. He also has a fine little farm, upon which he with his family reside just beyond the corporate limits of Rochester. In 1875 he was united in marriage to Miss Ellen J. Osborn, who was born in Fulton county, Feb. 27, 1858. To this relation is one child, viz.: Clarence J., born in this county Feb. 10, 1876. For quite a number of years Mr. Rannells



has been associated with the instrumental musical interests of Rochester. He is a member of Rochester lodge, No. 47, I. O. O. F. and is known as an honorable man and respected citizen of Fulton county.

FRANK M. REID was born near Logansport, in Cass county, Ind., May 12, 1842, and is a son of William and Amanda Reid. The former was born in Virginia and died in Cass county, Ind., in 1862, and the latter was born in Ohio and died in Fulton county, Ind., in 1858. The mother's maiden name was Elam and her father was one of the first settlers and millers of Fulton county. For some time, in an early day, he operated a mill at the outlet of Manatau lake, where he ground corn for the Indians. The subject of this mention received a country school education, and then began learning the carpenter's trade. He had worked but one year (1860) when the war began and in 1861 he enlisted in company K, Forty-sixth Indiana volunteer infantry and served until June 30, 1865, when he was honorably discharged at Louisville, Ky. He was in many important battles and was a faithful and true soldier. The conflict over he again engaged in the carpenter's business, in which he has continued nearly all the time since 1865. Among the many buildings he has erected in Rochester, may be mentioned the Arlington hotel block, the Deniston building. He also helped to build the South school building and the residence of L. M. Brackett. The marriage of Mr. Reid occurred in 1862 to Miss Clarissa Reed, of Rochester, Ind. To this union are these two children: Leslie and Nellie. In politics he is an earnest supporter of the republican party. For five years Mr. Reid served as marshal of the city of Rochester. He is a member of McClung post, No. 95, G. A. R., and is also a member of the orders K. of H. and I. O. M. Mr. Reid has made his own way in life and is recognized as one of the leading carpenters, contractors and honorable business men of Rochester, of which city he has been a resident for many years.

GEORGE RENTSCHLER, of Liberty township, an industrious, ambitious and successful young farmer, was born in Kings county, N. Y., Oct. 7, 1864. The following year his father brought his family to Peru, Ind., and in that locality young George was reared, educated and learned the moulder's trade. He was not content to remain a tradesman and when he had concluded his first year as a moulder he indicated to his father his desire to engage in farming. The necessary arrangements were made and our subject launched out on his new venture on the F. Reese farm, containing 183 acres, which he has since purchased. He has cleared sixty acres, put in 2,000 rods of ditch and otherwise improved his premises. Mr. Rentschler is a son of G. A. Rentschler, a foundryman of Hamilton, Ohio, but formerly proprietor of the Ohio iron works at Peru, Ind. He was born in Germany, came to the United States single and was married in New Jersey to Catherine Graff, who died in 1879, leaving



George and Henry, a machinist at Hamilton, Ohio. Nov. 15, 1884. George Rentschler married Lettie Ludwig, born in Fulton county. She is a daughter of J. J. Ludwig, of German parents, and reared in Miami county, Ind. Mr. and Mrs. Rentschler are the parents of Henry, aged ten; Andrew, aged nine; George, aged seven; and Robert, aged one. Mr. Rentschler is a K. O. T. M.

WILLIAM P. RIED, one of the native born pioneers of Fulton county, Ind., dates his birth in Rochester township June 11, 1839, and is a son of Daniel and Charity Ried, whose maiden name was Miller. The father of Mr. Ried was born in Preble county, Ohio, April 11, 1816, and died in Fulton county, Ind., Feb. 3, 1849; while the mother was born in Pennsylvania, Nov. 25, 1816, and died in this county Dec. 5, 1887. As early as 1837 the father of William P. entered 150 acres of land three miles southwest of Rochester and since its passing from the government has always been in the hands of the Ried family, and Mr. Ried has the first tax receipt for this land, which is in the following language: "Received of Daniel Ried one dollar and sixty-six cents, it being in full of his state and county tax for the year 1838. Robert Martin, Collector F. C." The subject of this biography grew to manhood upon the home land and was a pupil at the neighborhood school. The early death of the father compelled young Ried to help the mother earn a living for her family and at fourteen years of age with a yoke of oxen he put out and cultivated his first crop of corn. Mr. Ried has given the best years of his busy life to agricultural pursuits and now owns 170 acres of well improved land. In 1893 he rented his farm and wishing to avoid so much hard work bought a pleasant home about one mile from Rochester and here he now resides. He was united in marriage Dec. 29, 1887, to Miss Salina Tilton, who was born in Stark county, Ohio, Jan. 27, 1848. Mrs. Ried is a daughter of John and Sarah (McDowell) Tilton. The former was born April 7, 1811, and the latter Feb. 23, 1809. They were highly respected citizens and many years ago came to Cass county, Ind., where they died, the mother in 1876 and the father in 1877. In politics Mr. Ried is a democrat. He is one of the cautious, conservative men of this county, and the success he has attained has come through his own efforts. Mrs. Ried is a member of the Presbyterian church and they are among the highly respected citizens of this county.

CYRUS H. ROBBINS, an ex-commisisoner of Fulton county and one of the pioneers, was born in Highland county, Ohio, June 29, 1828, and is a son of Joseph and Mary (Horn) Robbins, both natives of Ohio. The father of Mr. Robbins died in Fulton county, Ind., in 1851 and his mother also died in this county, in 1850. In a very early day the family settled in Henry county, Ind., and in 1836, after a residence of six years in Henry county, came to Fulton county. The subject of this review first attended the subscription schools and later the public schools. He was raised upon the farm





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and at twenty-one years of age came to Rochester and for ten years was engaged in general merchandising, and during a portion of that time was postmaster at Rochester. In 1860 he removed to his present place of residence, two and one-half miles southwest of Rochester. He now owns about 300 acres of well improved land in Rochester township. The political convictions of Mr. Robbins have always been in the interests of the democratic party and for four years he was trustee of Rochester township. In 1888 he was elected to the board of commissioners of this county, and served the county faithfully and economically for the term for which he was elected. Mr. Robbins was one of the promoters of the Fulton County Agricultural and Mechanical society, of which he was president for four years. He was one of the organizers and a charter member of the Fulton county horse protective company. He was united in marriage in 1857 to Miss Sarah C. Small, a daughter of David and Leah (Smock) Small, natives of Kentucky. Mrs. Robbins was born in Marion county, Ind., Nov. 28, 1835. Mr. and Mrs. Robbins have nine children, viz.: Alfred D., Clio May, Charles E., Dora, Minnie, William B., June Gertrude, Roy and Della. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and he and wife are members of the M. E. church. He is one of the enterprising farmers and stock-raisers of Fulton county, a man of unquestioned honor, and practical judgment.

**ALEXANDER RUH.**—The gentleman whose name introduces this review, is one of the younger business men of Rochester and the success he has attained has come to him entirely through his own efforts. He was born in Peru, Miami county, Ind., in 1859, and is a son of Frederick and Barbara Ruh, both natives of Germany, who were united in marriage upon their ocean voyage to the United States. The father died at Peru in the sixty-third year of his age, and the mother at the same place at forty-five years of age. Mr. Ruh attended the public schools of his native town until thirteen years old, when he began learning the drug business, continuing in Peru until 1888, when he came to Rochester and engaged in the drug business for himself. It is conceded that Mr. Ruh is one of the most careful druggists in this part of Indiana, and that his store is one of the largest and best in Rochester. He was united in marriage in 1880 to Miss Ida I. Sherling, of Asbury Park, N. J. To this union are these four children: Harold F., Frederick D., Lucy B. and Donald O. In politics Mr. Ruh is a democrat. He is a member of Fredonia lodge, No. 122, K. of P., in which he has always taken an active part to promote the best interests and success of the lodge. He is recognized as one of the leading business men of his adopted city.

**JOHN P. RUSSELL**, trustee of Union township, Fulton county, Ind., was born at Newport, Ills., Aug. 19, 1850. His parents were Capt. W. A. J. and Mary C. (Pegram) Russell. The father was born near St. Louis, Mo., and was a son of John and



Laura Ann (Spencer) Russell. John Russell, our subject's paternal grandfather, was a native of Vermont, and was of an old New England family of English descent. He was graduated from Middlebury college as B. A. in 1817, and is known as a man of high culture and learning. For years he was a professor and taught in some of the very best academies and colleges. When a young man he came west, and at White Water, Ind., married the woman of his choice in 1818. After teaching at St. Louis for several years he located at Bluffdale, Ill., where his death occurred. During his latter days he wrote for leading magazines and gained an enviable reputation as a writer. He was the author of "The Venomous Worm," a selection in McGuffey's school reader. The marriage of our subject's parents was consummated in Illinois. His mother was born in Petersburg, Va. She was a daughter of John Pegram, a Virginian of English descent. He was of one of the best families of Virginia. At an early date he settled in Illinois, where his death occurred. The father of our subject enlisted as a captain in company G, Tenth Missouri infantry, and was killed at the battle of Chattanooga. His widow lived many years afterward, dying at Hamilton, Ill., in 1890. John P. Russell is one of a family of six children, two sons and four daughters. He gained a common school education at Hamilton Ill., where he was reared. He began the battle of life for himself at the age of fifteen years. Beside working on the farm, he also clerked in a store at Hamilton for six years. In 1873 he came to Indiana and located at Rockville. He accepted employment with the Vandalia railroad company, in the bridge and building department. Thus he was employed for twenty years. In 1879 he married and located at Crawfordsville, where he resided till 1884, when he removed to Kewanna, where he now resides. He wedded Miss Lucy J. Norcross, a daughter of Thomas J. and Mary Norcross, of Judson, Ind. Mr. and Mrs. Russell have had four children. Their eldest, Mary Vesta, died in infancy. Their living children are Fred, Carl and Elvin. The family are members of the M. E. church. Mr. Russell began life as a poor orphan boy. Hard work has been his lot. By means of industry and frugality he has grown prosperous. He owns his own home and forty acres of land, a part of which lies within the limits of Kewanna. He has always been a republican in politics. In 1894 he was elected trustee for Union township, and is the present incumbent of that office.

AUSTIN B. SARGENT, of Liberty township, was born in Washington county, Pa., Feb. 10, 1843. He is a farmer's son and was schooled in the country school manner. His father, John H. Sargent, died in June, 1858, and the next year the widow and children came to Indiana, landing at Logansport in September. They located seven miles west on a farm and Austin was one of the chief props of the home till the war broke out, when he enlisted in company D, Ninth Indiana, three months men, April 17, 1861, being the



third man to enlist; was mustered in at Laporte, went to Kentucky and when his time expired re-enlisted at Bridgeport, Ala., as first sergeant, and was soon promoted to first lieutenant. His second command was company E, Twenty-ninth Indiana volunteer infantry; was color bearer of his regiment; was at Pittsburg landing, Corinth, Iuka and Stone river, where he was shot through the left thigh and was in the hospital until after the engagements around Chattanooga. He was with his company again at Dalton, Ga. He resigned his commission Dec. 27, 1864, and came home, but enlisted at once as a private in the One Hundred and Fifty-fifth volunteers and was near Dover, Del., when the war closed. His service covered a period of four years and three months. Mr. Sargent returned to the farm in Cass county and remained till his advent to Fulton county. He owns 120 acres one and one-half miles southwest of Fulton. Dec. 28, 1868 Mr. Sargent married Falley A., daughter of Elliott Baker, who came from near Carbondale, Pa. He was born in Susquehanna county, Pa., was a farmer and a major in the Pennsylvania militia during old training days. Our subject's paternal grandfather was John Sargent, born in Ireland, and his mother was Sarah, daughter of Joseph Baker. Her children are: Leander B., deceased; Austin B., Oliver B. and Sarah, wife of Dr. J. M. Morris, of Fulton. Mr. and Mrs. Sargent are the parents of Asa E., Oliver E., Sarah L., a teacher in Fulton county, and Anna F. Mr. Sargent is a radical protectionist, and pins his faith to the republican party.

J. R. SEVERNS, one of the representative farmers of New Castle township, is numbered among those worthy citizens that Ohio has furnished to Fulton county. His birth occurred in Coshocton county, Oct. 3, 1836, and he is a representative of one of the pioneer families of Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where his grandfather, Joseph Severns, located at an early day, there spending the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1857, when he was nearly ninety years of age. Samuel Severns, father of our subject, was born near Pittsburg, Pa., in October, 1796, and served in the American army in the war of 1812. He was a successful farmer and became quite wealthy, owning considerable property at his death, which occurred Jan. 17, 1885, when in his eighty-ninth year. He married Jesdenia, daughter of Robert Darling, a native of Virginia. They had thirteen children, the living being Isaac, of Knox county, Ohio; Cordelia, widow of William Fitzgerald, of Coshocton county; Sarah, widow of Isaac Coplen, of Fulton county; Sabina, widow of Isaac Hatabaugh, of Greene county, Ind.; Rebecca, widow of Abram Holt, of Daviess county Ind.; J. R.; Mahala, Wife of Isaac Conner, of Sullivan county, Ind, and Ellen, wife of Leander Richards, of Coshocton county. J. R. Severns received only meagre educational privileges, but his training at farm labor was not limited, and he assisted his father until twenty-one years of age, when he assumed the



management of the old homestead, retaining it for four years. In 1863, he came to Fulton county, Ind., and invested his capital of \$400 in forty acres of his present farm. On this place was a small cabin, and a few acres had been cleared. With characteristic energy he began its development and to-day is the owner of 140 acres of rich land, of which 100 acres are highly cultivated, while the place is well drained and improved with a good residence and other substantial buildings that indicate the enterprise and progressive spirit of the owner. On the 22d of March, 1860, was consummated the marriage of Mr. Severn and Margaret M. Meredith, daughter of Isaac and Mary (Groves) Meredith. He was a native of Coshocton county, Ohio, came to Fulton county, in 1864, and here died in 1895. Mr. and Mrs. Severns have seven children—Justenia, wife of Frank C. Mickey; Mary E., wife of Alonzo Long; Frank M., of Cass county, Neb.; Oliver; Leora, wife of Herbert Shobe; Mahala and Wellington, at home. Mr. Severns has always given his political support to the democracy, and his religious allegiance to the Baptist church.

WINFIELD S. SHAFER, M.D.—Prominent both as a physician and public-spirited citizen, the subject of this personal mention, Dr. Shafer, is appropriately classed among men of progress, and few, if any, have a larger circle of acquaintances in the county than he. In Knox county, Ohio, he was born, Oct. 12, 1852. His parents, now well advanced in years, are David and Sarah Shafer, who are among the oldest and best known citizens of Marshall county, Ind. The father was born in Adams county, Ohio, in the year 1822. His father was Abram Shafer, born in Adams county, Pa. At an early day Abram Shafer's father immigrated to America and settled in Pennsylvania. Dr. Shafer's paternal grandfather was a soldier in the war of 1812. The Shafer homestead in Pennsylvania forms a part of the battle grounds of the memorable battle of Gettysburg, and is still owned by descendants of the family. Dr. Shafer's mother's maiden name was Sarah Ridgeway. She was born in Maryland, near Alexandria, in the year 1824, and died in Marshall county, Ind., May 2, 1896. Her parents were of Scotch origin. Her father was Jonathan Ridgeway and her mother was a Moore. Soon after the marriage of David and Sarah Shafer, over half a century ago, they removed to Ohio, where they resided until 1865, in which year they came to Indiana and settled in Marshall county. They reared nine children, bringing them up on the farm. Hence, the youth of Dr. Shafer was spent on the farm. He gained a common school education of such thoroughness that he commenced teaching at the age of nineteen and taught nine consecutive terms. His literary education was completed by a one year's term in the northern Indiana normal school at Valparaiso. During the period of his school teaching Dr. Shafer read medicine under the guidance of Dr. Allen Moore, of Marshall county; then operated a drug store for two





years; then took a course in Rush medical college, Chicago, in 1877-78. In 1879 he located at Big Foot, Ind., and entered into the practice of his profession. Four years later he located in Rochester, where his professional career has been an uninterrupted rise to the zenith of medical prominence in this section of the state. Soon after locating in Rochester he abandoned the practice long enough to graduate from the Eclectic medical institute of Cincinnati, the date of graduation being June 1, 1886. In 1887 he took a post graduate course in the Bennett medical college at Chicago. Thus, together with a through preparation for his profession by attending the best of medical colleges, and an active practice of medicine of some fifteen or sixteen years, he has well mastered the subject of medicine and gained an enviable reputation. His high standing as a physician was recently attested by his election to the presidency of the Indiana State Medical association. He is also a member of the Northern Indiana Medical association. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the order of the Tribe of Ben Hur. While he is a firm republican in politics, he has never sought political preferment. The doctor is an enthusiastic devotee of music and education, having been a member of the Rochester school board and a founder of the Rochester normal university, being president of the controlling board of trustees. In 1878 Sarah Wiltfong, of Marshall county, became his wife. They have an interesting family of three children, namely, Howard, Effie and Robert. The doctor and his wife are prominent in social circles, and devote much time to the intellectual training of their children and themselves. They are members of the university association class of Rochester, which has for its object the study of universal history. The doctor is unostentatious and unassuming, and is held in high esteem by those who know him.

JAMES RANDOLPH SHELTON, the present clerk of the circuit court of Fulton county, is a native of this county, having been born on a farm in Liberty township, Nov. 14, 1844. Mr. Shelton's father, Wilson Shelton, was a Virginian by birth. With his parents he came to Indiana in an early day, settling in Hendricks county, where he married Polly Beattie, whose parents were also early settlers of the same county, having removed to the county from Virginia, in which state their daughter was born. Unto Wilson Shelton and wife were born the following children: Thomas H., a farmer of Fulton county; Isaac, killed by Indians in Oregon; Rhoda Ann, deceased; Lucy A., widow of the late David C. Oliver, of Fulton county; James R., the subject of this sketch, and Amanda, who died young. The parents settled in Fulton county about 1840. The father was a farmer by occupation. In the year 1852 he and his son Isaac started west, bound for the gold fields of California. The father sickened and died on the great plains. The son pressing on and going to Oregon met his death there, as above mentioned. In



the year 1857 our subject's mother passed away in death. James was brought up on the farm. His first schooling was obtained in the country schools; then he attended the Rochester schools and later Hartsville college. At the age of twenty-five years he began teaching in the country schools. After teaching several years, Mr. Shelton spent three years in the elevator business, then resumed teaching, also taking up farming. For the last several years he has devoted his whole time to farming and to trading in live stock. Mr. Shelton has been successful as a farmer and business man. He has always been progressive and has now the esteem of a wide acquaintance. He has always been a republican in politics. In 1894 his party nominated him for clerk of the circuit court and in the fall of that year he was elected to the office by 104 majority. In 1872 Mr. Shelton wedded Miss Margaret A. Martin, of Fulton county. Two children, Morris Claude and Fatima Beatrice, have been born unto the marriage.

JOHN SHETTERLY, proprietor of the Rochester saw mill, was born in Pennsylvania, Jan. 3, 1849. In 1856 his father, Benjamin Shetterly, emigrated to Berrien county, Michigan, and there John was reared on a farm and educated in the schools of his district. Benjamin Shetterly died in 1874, sixty-six years old. He was a great-grandson of a Switzerland farmer, who came to America in colonial days and learned the lessons of patriotism in the keystone of the colonies. Benjamin Shetterly married Catherine Frain, who bore him seven children, of which number John is the fifth; four others are living in and adjoining Berrien county, Mich.; Mrs. Susan Rough, St. Joseph county, Ind.; Benjamin, George and Sarah Trusler, of Berrien county. John Shetterly was educated limitedly. His youth was occupied with such labors as are required by farmers in a new and wild country of their strong and industrious boys. At twenty he engaged in farming for himself and continued it for two years. He embarked in lumbering at Pine Grove for four years, and sawed out 160 acres. He farmed the next five years, then bought a mill at New Troy and operated it till 1885, when he went to Kansas and embarked in the retail lumber and furniture business. The west was settling up rapidly then and there was an unparalleled demand for pine. He had yards at Oakley, Colby, Wallace, Sharon Springs, Eustace, Tribune and Leoti. Mr. Shetterly was sent to the Kansas legislature as a democrat from Wallace county, and got a bill through organizing his county. He was chairman of the committee on enrolled bills and acquitted himself with credit in this capacity. He returned to Michigan in 1888 and ran a furniture factory at Buchanan two years. His next venture brought him into Fulton county. He purchased Jacob Miller's saw mill at Tiosa and in September, 1895, lost it by fire. In December of the same year he began business at Rochester, where his mill has a daily output of 5,000 feet. Mr.



Shetterly first married in 1881 to Sadie Hill. She died without issue. His second marriage was in 1890 to Luella D., widow of J. B. Eckes, and daughter of a Mr. Burwell. Mr. Shetterly is an I. O. O. F. and a K. O. T. M.

WILLIAM JAY SHIELDS, postmaster of Rochester, was born in this city Aug. 20, 1852. His education was obtained from the schools of the town, and when a lad in his teens became errand boy and then clerk in his father's store. When the father closed his long and successful career as a merchant and wound up his business, Jay engaged in the fruit tree business and continued in it four years. He was from that time till his appointment as postmaster in the employ of county clerk, M. O. Rees, as his deputy. He became postmaster April 7, 1894. Mr. Shields' first public service was as town clerk, to which office he was elected some twenty years ago. Twelve years ago he was the democratic nominee for county recorder, but was defeated, as were many other democrats that year. Mr. Shields is a son of the venerable pioneer and ex-merchant, Jesse Shields, of Rochester. Jesse Shields was born in Madison, Jefferson county, Ind., Sept. 15, 1820. His father, William Shields, was born near Lynchburg, Va. He emigrated to Indiana during the closing years of the eighteenth century and settled first in Jefferson county, but later moved to Jennings county, where he died, 1824. His wife, nee Elizabeth Logan, was born in North Carolina, and died in Washington county, Ind., 1826, leaving four children. Jesse was then only six years old and he was taken by a sister, Rhoda, wife of Nathan Rose, who, accompanied by Elizabeth (Shields) Lindsay, whose husband was the first blacksmith in this county, and William J. Shields, brother of Jesse, came to Fulton county in 1830 and located at the dam east of Rochester. Mrs. Rose and Mrs. Lindsay were the first white women in the county as residents. Jesse Shields learned the carpenter's trade in his youth and for three years made that his business. From 1840 to 1848 he was a forgerman in the foundry of Moore & McColm, in Rochester. He went into the company's store and clerked two years. He then opened a store of his own where the postoffice is now, but in an old building, and conducted a very successful business for nearly forty years, retiring in 1890. Jesse Shields has always acted with the democrats. He was elected to the state legislature in 1867, and worked and voted solely in the interest of the taxpayers. Mr. Shields was married first in this county in 1844 to Catherine Welton, who died the same year. Two years later he married Margaret Robbins, who died in 1865, leaving William Jay, our subject, Dr. A. M. and Mary, wife of Charles Kokendorfer, at Newark, Ohio. Mr. Shields' third marriage was in 1872 to Margaret McClung. Our subject was married Sept. 9, 1878, to Margaret Killen, daughter of Mark Killen, Sr., deceased, and Rebecca Apple. Their children are: Edwin J., died in infancy; Jesse Leroy and Harry Killen. Upon taking



charge of the postoffice Mr. Shields rearranged its interior so as to give better and more efficient service to the public. The stamp and money order window is open at all office hours and the general delivery service has undergone a marked change in the interest of the public by reducing the total time of opening the mails to about seventy minutes daily.

D. W. SIBERT was born in Washington county, Pa., Jan. 9, 1855. His parents were Daniel and Phebe (Sanders) Sibert. They were natives of Pennsylvania, and were married in that state. The father was of German descent and the mother of English. They came to Indiana in 1858, and first settled in Huntington county; one year later they settled in Henry township, Fulton county. The first eighteen years of Mr. Sibert's life were spent on the farm. Learning the trade of silver-smithing, he came to Kewanna in 1879, and made his first business venture. Here he has since conducted a jewelry and book store. He has been very successful and, though he began on limited means, he is now in the best of financial circumstances. He owns five business houses and three dwellings in Kewanna. In 1891 he and his father-in-law, J. H. Toner, established the Exchange bank of Kewanna, which has been a successful institution. In 1881 Mr. Sibert married Miss Lulah Toner.

BYRON E. SLICK, one of the representative farmers of Union township, was born in Morrow county, Ohio, May 27, 1853. Mr. Slick is a son of John and Susan (Halmon) Slick. His father was a son of Philip Slick and was born and brought up in Maryland. Mr. Slick's mother was born and reared in Pennsylvania. These parents were married in Ohio. They removed to Indiana in 1853 and settled in Union township, Fulton county. Here the father died in 1867. He was a successful farmer and a representative citizen. In politics he was first a whig, then a republican. His widow now (1896) resides with her son Elmer, a very successful teacher. Unto John and Susan Slick there were born the following children: Elvira, Byron E., Melvin, Herman and Elmer. Byron E. was reared on the farm and given a common school education. He remained under the parental roof till he reached the age of twenty-one years, and then began life for himself as a farm hand, working for monthly wages. April 3, 1878, he married Lucy Guise, of Union township, and then settled down in life. He has always farmed and success has crowned his efforts. He owns a good farm of 122 acres, and has it well improved. Politically he has adhered to the principles of the republican party. He and his wife are members of the United Brethren church, and they have an interesting family consisting of the following children: Mibo B., Lessie, Jay, Stella, Vida and Emma.

HON. MILO R. SMITH, the subject of this biographical mention needs no introduction to the people of Fulton county, among whom he has lived many years. He was born in Logansport, Ind., July 1, 1829. He came of excellent parentage, but, unfortunately,





death deprived him of their guidance and counsel when a mere boy. His parents were Rev. James and Nancy Smith. They were pioneer settlers of Cass county, and located at Logansport when that city was a frontier town. The father was a blacksmith by trade, and a very skilled workman in steel. While following his trade at Rising Sun, Ind., Gen. Tipton induced him to go to Logansport to do the government blacksmithing at that place. He was a devout Christian, and soon after going to Logansport began preaching. He possessed a fine intellect, generous heart and a strong desire to do the will of God as revealed in the Scriptures. His labors as a Baptist minister were interrupted by death, in 1833, when forty-five years of age. He married Nancy Fertad, a Frenchman's daughter. She was an excellent woman, a devoted wife and mother. She bore him the following children: Crandon C., Amanda, Julia, Susan P., George P., Anthony F., Rev. Oscar F., Mary and Milo R. As noticed above the last named, Milo R., was left an orphan and for a short time resided with a sister at Knoxville, Ills. He became dissatisfied, left the home of his sister and started out in life on his own responsibility. Going west, he went on board a Mississippi river steamboat as cabin boy, and for about one year followed the river between St. Louis and St. Paul. At the solicitation of a brother he then returned to Logansport, where he was employed until the year 1856, when he came to Rochester, where he and his brother opened a dry goods store, under the firm name of A. F. Smith & Bro. This business venture was attended with indifferent success, and the firm went out of business after a duration of three years. Then Mr. Smith began the study of law and accepted employment in the county auditor's office. In 1863 the democratic party, with which he is identified, made him its candidate for county recorder, to which office he was elected in the fall of that year. He served two terms and such was his popularity as warrants the conclusion that he would have been again elected to the office but for the legislation which prohibited the possibility of his succeeding to the office. In 1872 Mr. Smith was again honored by the people, who elected him to the state senate from this and Cass county. For many years he has been engaged in the practice of law and in the loan and insurance business. He is unassuming and unostentatious, pleasant and agreeable in intercourse with his fellow-men, and is conversant on many subjects of interest. He has led an honest life and enjoys the esteem of many friends. His marriage with Eliza E. Lyon was solemnized March 26, 1863. Mrs. Smith's parents were David W. and Sarah (McCracken) Lyon. They have the following children: Estella, Gertrude and Eliza E. Mr. Lyon came to Rochester from West Liberty, Ohio. He was a good man, a successful merchant and respected citizen.

SILAS SMITH, farmer and stock-raiser, was born in Fulton county Sept. 18, 1849, and is a son of Jonathan and Lucy Smith.



His father, who was a pioneer of this county, was born in Pennsylvania Sept. 3, 1814, and his death occurred in this county Sept. 13, 1893. He married in his native state, wedding Lucy Ann Kreps, also a native of Pennsylvania. Unto the marriage the following children were born: George, died in infancy; John, a farmer and citizen of Union township and ex-soldier of company B, Eighty-seventh Indiana volunteer infantry in the civil war; Henry, Silas, Wilhelmina Sallie, deceased, and Jonathan K. The father and mother came by way of wagon from Ohio to Indiana, and in 1844 settled in Union township, this county, and here lived till they were called away by death. The mother died about 1856, and later the father married a second time, wedding Mary Ann Snyder, who bore him no children. She was a native of Pennsylvania, and died some two years prior to the date of his death. Jonathan Smith was one among the hardy pioneers of the county, and his first landed possessions in the county he entered. He grew prosperous and at the time of his death owned 320 acres of land. He was a staunch democrat, but never sought political office. He was a life-long member of the Reform church, and brought up his family in the faith of that church. He had an extensive acquaintance and enjoyed the confidence of all who knew him. His son, whose name introduces this sketch, was reared on the farm, and remained on the farm with his father until he reached the age of twenty-one years. In 1870 he married and settled down in life for himself. He was then not twenty-two years' old. He married Harriet Overmyer, daughter of David Overmyer, Esq. She was born April 2, 1852. Unto the above marriage have been born the following children: Henry Albert, Howard, Cora, Millie, deceased, Walter Boid, Early, deceased, and Naomi. Mr. Smith has been very successful as a farmer and stock-raiser, and owns a fine and well improved farm of 228 acres. He is democratic in politics, and has served as assessor of Union township. He and wife are members of the Reform church.

ARCHIBALD STINSON, a thorough going and representative citizen of New Castle township, was born of pioneer Ohio parents in Ross county, that state, Aug. 21, 1847. He obtained his knowledge of the three r's in the usual way of boys reared on the farm, and this has served as a base for the broader and more liberal education of experience. His permanent abiding place was on the old homestead until after his marriage. April 10, 1878, when he was induced to visit Cleveland, Ohio, by a friend in the oil business. He accepted a position in the same business and remained in the city between two and three years. Having interests in Indiana that must be looked after, he resigned and came to Fulton county and settled on his present farm in 1882 or 1883. The next year he built his commodious residence, one of the largest in the township and has been busy since with such other improvements as a progressive, industrious farmer sees the need of. His farm contains 140 acres,



which he purchased while on a trip here some twenty-six years ago. In politics Mr. Stinson is a staunch republican. He is referred to as one of the party managers in the county. Mr. Stinson is a son of Archibald Stinson, born in Ross county, Ohio, 1800. He died there in 1876. He was a very successful farmer, being able to give each of his children a farm out of his own estate. He married Silence McCoy, whose father, John McCoy, was the first settler of Ross county, going there from Kentucky. Twelve children were born of this marriage, of whom our subject is the youngest. Our subject's wife was Josephine, a daughter of Stephen Davidson, a prominent farmer of this county and a pioneer. He was a representative to the state legislature from this district two terms and his prominence as a farmer led to his appointment as a member of the state board of agriculture. His brother is the Hon. W. H. Davidson, of this county. Mr. and Mrs. Stinson's only child is Arthur E., born Jan. 26, 1879.

DANIEL STRUCKMAN, one of the leading and enterprising farmers and stock-raisers of Fulton county, was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, Sept. 29, 1838, and is a son of Henry and Sophia (Ebright) Struckman, natives of Germany, who emigrated to the United States about 1830 and settled in Fairfield county, Ohio, where the father died at about fifty-five years and the mother at the advanced age of eighty-two years. The subject of this review is the fourth in a family of nine children, of whom four are living at this date, 1896. He was raised upon the farm and was a student at the early slab-seated school house in Fairfield county, Ohio. In 1860 he began farming upon his own responsibility in his native county, where he continued for four years, or until 1864, when he came to Fulton county and settled where he now resides. He first erected a log cabin, 16x20 feet, which was burned a few years later, and he then put up a frame structure, which was about the same size, and about eight years ago he built his present home. About eleven years ago his first good barn was erected and two years later it was struck by lightning and together with some thirty tons of hay was completely destroyed and he then built his present barn. When Mr. Struckman settled upon this land it was almost one continuous forest. He has cleared 180 acres and now owns 221 acres of fine land, all of which is located about three miles northeast of Rochester. In 1862 Mr. Struckman was united in marriage to Miss Samantha Fenstermaker, who was born in Ohio. To this union are these two children, viz.: Florence, now Mrs. Frank Carr, and William H. Politically, Mr. Struckman is a supporter of the democratic party. He is a progressive farmer and it would be better for Fulton county if she had more such men within her borders.

JACOB STUDEBAKER, of Liberty township, was born in Morgantown, Ohio, June 3, 1840. His father brought his family to Carroll county and located north of Delphi early in the 40's.



When he moved again it was to Cass county. Jacob was reared and educated sparingly in that county, and when he settled down for life it was in Fulton county that he located. His capital to begin business on was a colt and a calf. His beautiful home and productive farm lies on the south line of the county of Fulton. He bought it in 1863, and its present condition is the result of his industry and thrift. Mr. Studebaker was first married April 12, 1865, to Mary Ellen, daughter of Thomas Day, who was born in Ohio. Mrs. Studebaker died April 22, 1877, leaving Thomas, Joseph, Annie Belle, married to V. Buckingham, Fred, Elbert and Frank. Oct 6, 1881, Mr. Studebaker married Mary Ellen, widow of a Mr. Baker, and daughter of Samuel Kirk. Jacob Studebaker is a son of Joseph Studebaker, born in Pennsylvania, but reared in Ohio. He died in Cass county, 1880, at seventy-five years of age. The subject's grandfather, Philip Studebaker, was in captivity by the Indians of western Pennsylvania for seven years. His father had moved too far west for safety and his family was attacked by the Indians and he himself killed and his children carried away. The mother of our subject was Susana Most, born in North Carolina and reared in Ohio. Her children are: Elizabeth, deceased; Jacob, Nancy, wife of David Pownall, and David Studebaker, of Cass county. Mr. Studebaker is a strong republican and a worker in the Methodist church.

DR. A. B. SURGUY, druggist of Tiosa, was born in this county Aug. 4, 1850. He grew to manhood on his father's farm and secured his primary training from the district school. He completed his literary training in Oberlin college, Ohio, graduating in 1870. He chose medicine as his life work and to engage in the study of it he went to Laporte, Ind., and became a pupil of Drs. Higday & Meeker, remaining with them three years. He took his first course of lectures at Rush medical college and the next two courses in the Indiana medical college of Indianapolis, receiving a diploma from that institution Feb. 28, 1873. He practiced successfully in Kosciusko county, residing at Etna Green, some six years. He went abroad then and took a term of lectures in Queen's college hospital, London, England. He returned after a year's absence, located at Rochester, Ind., and became associated with Dr. Brackett. After four years of devotion to his profession here he retired temporarily and rusticated in southwestern Missouri a few months. He engaged in business next in Chicago, having his office at 64 and 66 Washington street. In 1890 he retired from practice and came back to Fulton county and engaged in the drug business at Tiosa. Dr. Surguy's father, William Surguy, was born in England. He came to America at twenty years of age, located in Brown county, Ohio, and married there, wedding Rachel Bell. They settled in Fulton not long after their marriage. Here Mr. Surguy died in May of 1894, at ninety years of age. His wife died soon after the





birth of the subject of this sketch. Their living children are: John, residing in Wisconsin; James, of Shawneetown, Ills.; Mary C., wife of John Perschbacher, of Tiosa; Sarah, wife of Joseph Ormsbee, of Tiosa; Annie, wife of H. B. Turner, of Union Mills, Ind.; and Dr. A. B. Dr. Surguy is a single man, a Mason and representative citizen.

JOHN S. TAYLOR, dairyman and farmer, is a native of Center county, Pa., born Nov. 11, 1831. He is a son of William and Susannah (Roop) Taylor, both natives of Pennsylvania, where the father died at fifty-two years of age and the mother now at eighty-one years of age, resides in Westmoreland county of her native state. By occupation the father of Mr. Taylor was a miller and carried on the milling business for quite a number of years in Pennsylvania. John S. Taylor received a common school education and then learned the tanner's trade, at which he worked for seven years near Ligonier, Pa. In 1854 he came to Indiana and settled in Miami county, near Peru and there carried on farming for ten years, or until 1864, when he came to Fulton county and for two years lived in Rochester and then removed to his present place of residence one-half mile north of Rochester. In 1868 Mr. Taylor began the dairy business and with the slight omission of one year has continued this industry ever since. His dairy is one of the best in northern Indiana. In connection with this interest he has for many years given considerable attention to stock interests, and now has on his farm of 107 acres some of the best blooded stock to be found in the county. The marriage of Mr. Taylor took place in December, 1852, to Miss Susan Ambrose, who was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., Dec. 17, 1833. She is a daughter of Killian and Elizabeth Ambrose, who came to Fulton county about the same time that the Taylor family came. To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor are these two children: Madge and Charles F. In politics Mr. Taylor is an ardent republican and is a K. of H. He is a man of honest motive and he and family are highly respected.

SAMUEL P. TERRY, M. D., a native of this county, born May 15, 1861, son of Dr. Samuel S. and Sarah (McCloud) Terry. The former was born in Tompkins county, N. Y., in 1824, and died in Rochester in 1893. He was a son of Samuel and Laura Terry, natives of New York and of English descent. The late Dr. Terry obtained a good primary education. In 1840 he began the study of medicine and in 1844 graduated from the medical department of Willoughby university. In 1846 he came to Fulton county and located at Akron, but two years later removed to Rochester, where he resided until his death. He represented this and Miami county in the Indiana general assembly from 1864 to 1868. During the war he was first assistant surgeon of the seventy-third Indiana regiment. He was a man of pronounced ability and unquestioned character. The mother of Dr. Samuel P. Terry was born in Ohio and died in Rochester in 1883 and is yet remembered for her grace of character



and womanly purity. The subject of this review attended the Rochester schools until September, 1878, when he entered Notre Dame university and there continued for nearly four years. In 1882 he entered the law office of Judge J. S. Slick as a law student. Here he continued until 1884, when he was admitted to practice at the Fulton county bar. He continued the practice of law for some time and in 1894 began the study of medicine at the medical college of Ohio. March 23, 1896, he graduated from the college of physicians and surgeons at Indianapolis and is now engaged in the practice of his profession at Rochester. Dr. Terry was united in marriage Oct. 12, 1887, to Miss Mary E. Walker, of Rochester. To this union are these children, viz.: Lillian, Samuel W., and Frederick P. Politically Dr. Terry is a republican and a member of Rapier commandery, No. 1 at Indianapolis, and he is the only thirty-second degree Mason in Fulton county. He gave the name to Fredonia lodge, No. 122, K. of P., of which he was a charter member and its first chancellor commander.

E. B. TIPPY, whose residence in Fulton county dates from 1875, is accounted one of the practical and progressive agriculturists, and belongs to that class of citizens who have gained for Indiana marked prestige among the agricultural states of the Union. He was born in Franklin county, Ohio, Jan. 20, 1845. The family is of Scotch origin, and the father of our subject, Levi Tippy, was born near Johnstown, Ohio. He married Louie A. Denune, daughter of John Denune, who was born in Paris, France, and came to America with Gen. La Fayette, serving as a drummer boy with the French troops in the colonial army. He married a Miss Barrel, a relative of Gen. Grant's family. Levi Tippy died of cholera in Louisville, Ky., in 1852, at the age of thirty-five. His children were as follows: George, who is living near Columbus, Ohio; E. B.; and Lewis, deceased. Our subject was left an orphan at the age of six years, and was reared by a Mr. Brown in Delaware county, Ohio, until nineteen years of age. He then bought his time, and removed to Livingston county, Mo., but returned after eight months and learned the carpenter's trade in Delaware county, under S. Gorsuch. He afterward married and then removed to Boone county, Mo., but in a short time again returned to Delaware county, where he lived for four years. At the expiration of that period he began farming, which he continued in Ohio until coming to Indiana, in 1875. His first land was purchased with money that he had earned at school teaching. He here bought forty acres of land just east of Bloomingsburg, which he operated for four years, when he sold and purchased a farm adjoining the village, comprising 115 acres. He is progressive in his methods and at the same time extremely practical in his work, so that he has won a comfortable competence. Mr. Tippy was married Jan. 20, 1867, to Emma Fix, daughter of David Fix, and their home was blessed with six children—Della, wife of Jesse Emmons; Frank,



a popular young man who possesses much mechanical genius; Levi, who married Ella Ross and resides in New Castle township; Ida, a teacher; Eva and Linnie. Mr. Tippy is one of the leaders of the democracy in his township, and is now serving as trustee, having entered upon the duties of the office on Aug. 5, 1895. His genuine worth has won him the high esteem of all, and he well deserves recognition in this volume.

HOLMES L. TIPTON, ex-recorder of Fulton county, and a representative of one of the old families of the county, was born on his father's farm in New Castle township, Nov. 5, 1854. He is the son of Joshua Tipton, a native of Coshocton county, Ohio, born March 6, 1813. His mother, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Fuller, was born Oct. 2, 1816. They were married in 1835, and in 1838 removed to Kosciusko county, Ind., whence in 1839 they came to New Castle township, Fulton county, where the father successfully carried on farming until his death. He died Aug. 18, 1893, leaving a valuable estate. The children of the family are: Daniel, of Kosciusko county; Thomas, of Butler county, Kans.; John, of Marion county, Iowa; James, of Rochester; Hannah, wife of Obadiah Hopper; Margaret, deceased wife of Amos Hider; Florence, wife of Perry Hamlet, of Barron county, Wis., and Alpheus, wife of Charles Baxter. Mr. Tipton, of this review, spent his childhood as a farmer lad, assisting in the labors of the field and receiving about the usual training in the district schools. On attaining his majority he began farming on his own account, at first renting a tract of land and afterward purchasing. His youth experience in this line now proved to him of value and he successfully carried on agricultural pursuits until November, 1891, when he was elected to the office of county recorder on the democratic ticket. His personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him by those who know him is shown by the fact that he received all but seven votes of his own party and at least one hundred of the republican party. His prompt and efficient discharge of the duties of the office fully showed that the trust reposed in him was not misplaced. On his retirement from public office he resumed grain farming and stock dealing, and his operations along these lines have proved to him a profitable source of income. He owns some valuable real estate in New Castle township and also in Rochester, where he now resides. On Dec. 1, 1876, Mr. Tipton married Nancy Ashton, who was born in Mansfield, Ohio, thirty-nine years ago, a daughter of Charles Ashton. She was left an orphan at a very early age and was reared by a relative. She has a sister, Annie, now the wife of John Gano, of Chicago, and two brothers, C. Ashton, of Fostoria, Ohio, and George, of the state of Washington. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Tipton are Echo, aged nineteen, who was educated in the Rochester schools, and was her father's able assistant in the recorder's office; Lula, born in 1880; Celia, in 1883; and Bessie, in 1890. Mr. Tipton



is one of the best known men in Fulton county. Possessed of excellent business and executive ability, he has won success in his undertakings, and his genial, social manner has made him a popular citizen and gained him many warm friends.

A. D. TONER, one of the most successful citizens of Fulton county, was born in Fayette county, Ind., June 20, 1834. His parents were Samuel and Anna (Shaffer) Toner. Unto them were born eleven children, of which the subject of this mention is the youngest. He was about eight years of age when his parents came to Fulton county and settled in Wayne township. Mr. Toner grew to manhood on the farm and gained a fair common school education. He remained on the farm till about 1859, when he became a resident of Kewanna and about that time began dealing in live stock, in which business he continued until about 1880. This, his first business venture, proved successful. In 1880 he became the prime factor in a movement for the construction of a railroad from Logansport through Kewanna to South Bend, and was instrumental in the organization of a company of Kewanna citizens for the construction of the railroad. The movement resulted in inducing the Vandalia railroad company to propose building a railroad from Logansport to lake Maxinkuckee, in consideration of the right of way and \$20,000. Mr. Toner, P. S. Troutman, John F. Wilson and Hickman Phillips assumed the responsibility of securing the right of way and the \$20,000, becoming responsible to the Vandalia railroad company for the named consideration. They were aided in making this subsidy good by the public, who voted taxation and gave donations. Mr. Toner built thirteen miles of the road as a contractor and, as soon as the road was completed he erected a small elevator at Kewanna. Four years later additions were made to the elevator, and machinery for making flour was placed in it. Since then this mill and elevator has been owned and operated by the firm of A. D. Toner & Brunk. Mr. Toner was one of the parties who built the Masonic temple of Kewanna. In 1886 he erected what is now the Toner house, which hotel building he owns. Mr. Toner has done much toward the upbuilding of Kewanna. He has erected several fine brick business houses, as well as several residences, and now owns considerable property in the town. He is progressive and ever ready to contribute to the improvement of the town. It was mainly due to him that the H. J. Hinze company was induced to establish a pickle salting house at Kewanna in 1894. July 25, 1893, Mr. Toner established the Kewanna bank, of which he is sole proprietor, and H. D. Howell cashier. He has always been interested in farming and now owns in Wayne and Union townships nearly 1,000 acres of highly cultivated land. He built the second frame barn erected in Union township. He began his business career without a dollar, but by means of his superior business ability, energy and enterprise he amassed considerable wealth. In politics





he has always been a democrat. He served as representative of Fulton and Pulaski counties in the general assembly of Indiana session of 1884-85.

JOHN HENDERSON TONER is of one of the oldest and best known families in Fulton county. He was born in Shelby county, Ind., Jan. 7, 1826. His parents were Samuel and Annic (Shafer) Toner. His father was of Irish descent and his mother of German. They were born and married in Northumberland county, Pa., came to Indiana in 1832, and first settled in Shelby county. In the fall of 1843 they settled in Wayne township, Fulton county, where they resided till death. They had eleven children. The subject of this biographical sketch gained a fair common school education and very early in life began farming on his own account. For many years he continued farming and, though he began as a renter, success followed his efforts and at present he owns a fine farm of 381 acres. In 1889 Mr. Toner removed from his farm into Kewanna, where he has since lived, and in 1891 he and his son-in-law, D. W. Sibert, established the Exchange bank of Kewanna, which they have since operated. Mr. Toner has been twice married. In 1848, he wedded Elizabeth Updegraff, who died leaving no children, and in 1857 he married Hester A. Graham. Unto the second marriage was born a daughter, Lulah by name, now the wife of D. W. Sibert. In church faith Mr. and Mrs. Toner are Methodists. He has been a member of the I. O. O. F. since 1857. Mr. Toner enjoys the esteem and confidence of his fellow-citizens, and has always been identified as a representative citizen of the county. In politics he was formerly a democrat, but is now a prohibitionist. He has never sought political preferment.

JOEL R. TOWNSEND, of Liberty township, is a son of the late Joel Townsend, who was a settler in this township as early as 1834. His log cabin was of the rudest sort. His bed was supported by pins in the wall and chest or trunk served as his table. His means were very limited, so much so that at one time he was forced to dispose of a copper kettle brought from Ohio to get money to pay his taxes. But he was frugal and industrious and before his death, May 31, 1879, fortune had put him in possession of over 1,000 acres of land and much personal property. He was born in England in 1808; came to the United States in 1820, and was reared near Cleveland. He married Vesta Collins, who shared all his privations and enjoyed with him the years of his prosperity. Their living children are: Ansel B., Joel R., Lucy A., Harrison, living in Tabor, Iowa, and John N. Joel R. Townsend was born in Liberty township, Fulton county, May 12, 1848. He was educated at the Oliver school house and was engaged in farming till twenty-eight years old, when he engaged in merchandising in Macy. In three years he retired from this business and went on the road as traveling salesman for Isaac Stern & Co., of Kokomo, dealers in cigars. He remained in



this business four years and next engaged with the Alden vinegar company, of St. Louis, and was with these people four years. His next employers were Huffman & Co., Indianapolis, with whom he remained till Dec. 6, 1895. Since that time he has resided on his farm of 180 acres, keeping up the odds and ends about a well conducted farm. Mr. Townsend was first married Nov. 26, 1869, to Elizabeth Stibbs, who died in March, 1875, leaving one child, viz.: Mary, wife of Robert Miller, Macy, Ind. Nov. 25, 1875, Mr. Townsend married Clarissa, daughter of George Carter. Mr. Townsend is a republican and is quite active in party politics in the county.

JOHN E. TROUTMAN, born in Fulton county, Ind., April 17, 1851, is a son of John and Amanda (Blandin) Troutman. The father was born in 1828 in Kentucky. He died in Fulton county, Ind., in 1851. He was a son of Ambrose Troutman, also a native of Kentucky, and a son of Michael Troutman, who was born in Germany and emigrated to America and settled in Pennsylvania, where he died. The mother of the subject of this sketch was born in 1830, in New York and died in Fulton county, Ind., in 1875. She was a daughter of Jesse and Maria Blandin, who were of German lineage. Her parents removed from New York to Ohio, thence to Indiana, settling in Fulton county, near Leiter's Ford, in 1840. Ambrose Troutman, the paternal grandfather of J. E. Troutman, removed from Kentucky to Attica, Ind., in 1828. In 1839 he settled in Fulton county, near Kewanna. The marriage of John Troutman and Amanda Blandin occurred in Fulton county. The subject of this mention is their only child. His father died in the same year the son was born. His mother remained on the farm and the management of the farm was assumed by John E., when he was but eleven years of age. His mother's second husband was William Mossman, who served in the civil war for four years. During his absence, while in the service, John E. took charge of the farm. Hard work and perseverance, therefore, he shared very early in life. He had but little time for going to school, but attended the country schools a little and while at home by the fireside he applied himself to his books, and at the age of twenty years he became a teacher in the district schools. For twenty-three years he taught in the schools of Fulton county. He has always had farm interests and lived on the farm till 1886, when he became a resident of Rochester. He was elected justice of the peace in 1884, but on removing to Rochester he resigned the office. In 1894 he was elected justice of the peace again and is the present incumbent of that office. He is a republican in politics, is a member of the Evangelical church of Rochester, member of the order of Red Men and of the I. O. O. F. In 1884 Mr. Troutman married Malina Neff, of Fulton county. She was born in Pennsylvania in 1854. Mr. and Mrs. Troutman have two children: Chloe and Earl.

EMANUEL JOSEPH URBIN, farmer and citizen of Wayne



township, was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, Dec. 8, 1854. His parents were John and ——— (Poff) Urbin. They were born in Germany, but married in Ohio. They came to Fulton county in the spring of 1864, and settled where the subject of this sketch now resides and owns sixty acres of land. They both died in the years 1876, when she was sixty-one years of age and he seventy-one. They were members of the German Reform church, and were highly respected. The subject of this sketch began life for himself at the age of eighteen, by working out as a farm hand. In 1876, when twenty-two years of age, he married Harriet J., daughter of A. J. Toner, Esq. Unto the marriage the following children have been born. Elsie Floyd, Mirtie Fay, Bessie May, deceased; Toner Lee, Ernest Guy and Victor Joseph. Mr. Urbin is a progressive and representative citizen; is prosperous and has a fine farm.

JOHN W. VANKIRK, a thrifty and enterprising farmer of Aubbeenaubbee township, Fulton county, Ind., first saw the light of day on March 25, 1854. Mr. Vankirk was born in Pulaski county, Ind., in which county his father settled at an early date, removing there from Pennsylvania, his native state. Mr. Vankirk was reared on the farm and taught the valuable lessons of industry, perseverance and frugality, and these he has crowded into his life. He remained with his father until he was twenty-four years of age, and then began life for himself. Selecting a wife in the person of Mary E. Wagoner, whom he married Dec. 22, 1877, Mr. Vankirk started out in life by moving to one of his father's farms, where he farmed on the shares for seven years, at the close of which he removed on a farm of 55 acres, which his wife had inherited. Later he purchased interests of other heirs in sixty-three adjoining acres, and now Mr. Vankirk controls both tracts. Here he has resided for a number of years and diligently applied his talents in the honorable calling of farming, growing prosperous and highly respected. Though a strong republican in politics, Mr. Vankirk has never aspired to office. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Vankirk has been blessed by the birth of three children, George, Etta and Albert.

JACKSON WAGNER, the son of Jacob and Rebecca (Hendricks) Wagner was born in Sandusky county, Ohio, Jan. 21, 1843. Jacob Wagner was born in Perry county, Ohio, in 1812. Rebecca, was born in Sandusky, Ohio, in 1823. The parents were married in Ohio and came to Indiana in 1850, and settled in Aubbeenaubbee township, Fulton county, Ind. The father was through life a very hard and diligent worker and at the time of his death owned 139 acres of valuable land. He died July 20, 1880. The mother still survives and resides with her son-in-law, John Cohler. Unto Jacob and Rebecca Wagner were born the following children: Jackson, Elizabeth, Noah, Emanuel, Mary, deceased; Jacob, deceased; Sarah, deceased; John, Ellen, deceased; Jonas and Jacob F. Jackson, the subject of this sketch, remained with his parents until



the age of twenty-one years. He then worked out as a farm hand for two years, was then a renter for two years, and finally, March 5, 1868, was married to Miss Mary Hood, the daughter of Frederick and Mary Hood. To the marriage were born the following children: Arthur N., Ida, Captola, Elnora, Jacob F. and Lulu May, twins, one of the twins, Lulu May, is dead; George, deceased; Etta and Nanetta, twins. Mr. Wagner has always farmed, and at the present time owns some 187 acres of good land. He received a small amount from home in 1888. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He has always been a staunch democrat. He has been a hard and diligent laborer throughout his life.

NOAH WAGNER, the son of Jacob and Rebecca Wagner, and a brother of Jackson Wagner, mentioned elsewhere in this work, was born in Sandusky county, Ohio, Jan. 14, 1847. He remained with his parents until the age of twenty-one, having in the meantime received a common school education. Dec. 30, 1869, he was married to Elizabeth Coon, the daughter of John and Elizabeth Coon. At the time of his marriage he owned one horse and possessed \$15 in money. He began farming on the farm he now owns. The farm was then the property of his father-in-law. From time to time he purchased the rights of his wife's brothers and sisters until now he is the owner of 160 acres of valuable land. He has been interested in stock-raising in connection with his farming. Unto him and his wife have been born eight children: Sarah Aletta, William Lee, Lizzie Jeanette, Rebecca Viola, deceased; Noah Harvey, Nellie Edna, Hetta Alma, and Netta Leona. He has always supported the democratic party. He and his wife are members of the Methodist church, and are leaders in their community.

KYRAN WALSH, one of the most successful farmers and one of the highly respected citizens of Fulton county, was born in county Kilkenny, Ireland, Nov. 7, 1830. His parents were James and Margaret (Gaul) Walsh, both of whom were natives of county Kilkenny, Ireland. Mr. Walsh's paternal grandfather was Kyrán Walsh, and for him Mr. Walsh was named. The Walsh family, like many other Anglo-Normans, adopted an Irish surname and title, and was known for ages as "Branach," which signifies in Irish a Welchman. At an early period it had extensive possessions in Waterford and Kilkenny. For four centuries it was only inferior in estate and power to the Butlers and Graces. Thus the subject of this personal mention is a descendant of one of Ireland's oldest and most prominent families. In the schools of Ireland he gained the rudiments of a common school education. Throughout life he has been a close observer and an extensive reader. Hence he is a well informed man, and being a man of foresight and wisdom he stands as a leader among his fellow-citizens. He came to America on the ship Thames, landing in New Orleans Jan. 14, 1849. His ship set sail





for America with a passenger crew of 900, of whom but about sixty landed alive, owing to ship fever and other diseases which originated at sea. From New Orleans Mr. Walsh went to Cincinnati, where he arrived in the midst of the cholera, from which there were many deaths daily at that time. Mr. Walsh landed in Cincinnati May 13, 1849, and there engaged in the dairy business. Six years later he removed to Dayton, Ohio, where he took up farming, at which occupation he had been reared. In January, 1859, Mr. Walsh landed in Wayne township, Fulton county. Here he has since resided. On coming to the county, he was a very poor man, but, determined on success, he began farming as a renter, and continued as such until 1862, when he purchased eighty acres for a home in future years, to which, by industry and integrity, he added other acreage, until he has become the owner of nearly 400 acres, a part of which has been divided among his children. He has improved his farm and made it one of the best in the county. He has a good and substantial frame residence, which he built. A few years ago a very fine barn of his was burned, causing him a loss of about \$2,900. In 1854, Mr. Walsh was fortunate in securing in holy matrimony the hand of Ann Hoynes, a native of Ireland, also. She is the oldest daughter of Patrick and Margaret Hoynes. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Walsh has been blessed by the birth of the following children: Margaret, James, Patrick, deceased; Edward, deceased; Mary Ann, deceased; Mary Ann, deceased; John J., William W. and Hannah, deceased. Mrs. Walsh is a most excellent lady, a faithful wife and loving mother. The entire family belong to the Roman Catholic church, and is one of the leading families of the community. In politics Mr. Walsh has always been a staunch democrat, and was twice elected justice of the peace with overwhelming majorities. He has led a consistent life, dealt honestly and kindly with his fellow-man, reared a respectable family, gained the esteem of his neighbors, and won from reluctant fortune a good estate, and to-day stands as a representative and progressive citizen.

**WILLIAM A. WARD**, Rochester, Ind.—To have lived in Fulton county continuously since 1832 and to have been twice honored with the office of sheriff and now, March 11, 1896, to be only one of two living persons who came here in that early year, is sufficient to make a man honored. "Del" Ward, as he is familiarly known, was born in the state of New York Feb. 26, 1829, and is the son of Ebenezer and Rachael (Spencer) Ward, who were natives of the same state and who came to Fulton county, Ind., in 1832, bringing with them their family of seven children, of whom the subject of this review is the only one living. The mother died in 1841, and the father in 1847. The father was a farmer by occupation. He was a man of good education and in the early part of his manhood he gave some of his time to the ministry. Upon coming here he taught the first school in Fulton county, and this school was attended by



"Del" Ward. His brother, John B. Ward, was the first lawyer to hang out his shingle for the practice of law in Rochester. The earlier years of Mr. Ward were devoted to farming, but later he turned his attention to the business of veterinary surgeon and livery. For nearly fifty years he has been known as a reliable surgeon in this line. He was engaged continuously in the livery business in this city for more than eighteen years or until 1871. In politics he has always been identified with the democratic party and in 1876 was elected sheriff of Fulton county and re-elected in 1878 by the magnificent majority of 465. He was one of the best sheriffs the county ever had. In 1895 he again engaged in the livery business and now, with his son, Dr. Henry Ward, continues the same. Mr. Ward was married in 1853 to Miss Adeline H. Howes, who was born in Johnson county, Ind., and died in Rochester in 1890, at about fifty-seven years of age. Mr. Ward is a member of the Masonic fraternity and is a man of unquestioned character and one of the best known men in Fulton county. Of three children born to the subject of this sketch only Dr. Henry Ward is living. He was born in Rochester in 1856, was educated at the schools of Rochester and in 1887 graduated from the Ontario veterinary college at Toronto, Canada, and since that time has been engaged in the practice of his profession. He was married in 1878 to Miss Ray Samuels, a native of Ohio. To this union is one child, Idelman. He is a democrat in politics, a Mason, a member of the I. O. O. F. and K. of P.

E. P. WASHBURN, M. D., one of the prominent physicians of Fulton county, is a native of Cass county, Ind. He was born Jan. 24, 1842. His parents were William W. Washburn and Jane Calvin, both of whom were born and reared in Brown county, Ohio. They were married in Cass county, Ind., but soon afterward moved into Pulaski county, where they reared their family of six children, of which the subject of this biography is the eldest. Dr. Washburn gained a fair common school education, and was nineteen years of age when the civil war broke out. October, 1861, he enlisted as a private in company H, Forty-sixth Indiana infantry. In February, 1863, he re-enlisted in the same company. With his company he aided in the work of opening the Mississippi river from Columbus south. He participated in the siege of Vicksburg, and was on the Red river expedition, a difficult and disastrous one, in which his regiment was reduced to about 200 soldiers. The doctor was discharged Sept. 10, 1865, at the close of the war. Then his return home followed, and for five years thereafter the doctor was engaged in farming, a calling never in keeping with his choice. The practice of medicine he wished to follow, and first preparing for the profession by studying under a practicing physician as preceptor, he then took a course in medicine in the medical college of Indiana at Indianapolis. Locating at Linden, Ind., he took up the practice of the profession. Subsequently he returned to the medical college of Indiana, whence



he graduated March 3, 1881. He continued an active and successful practice at Linden till 1890, in which year he removed to Kewanna, Fulton county, where he now resides and has a large and remunerative practice. In the year 1859, Dr. Washburn was united in marriage with Rebecca Reichard, of Pulaski county, Ind. Mrs. Washburn was born in Darke county, Ohio, Nov. 16, 1839. The union has been blessed by the birth of the following children: Isabella J.; Newton E., deceased; John M.; Blanche A.; and Burt II. The doctor is a prominent member of the Masonic fraternal organization, the Grand Army of the Republic and Knights of the Maccabees and a republican in politics. John M. Washburn, M. D., a son of Dr. E. P. Washburn, and associated with his father in the practice of medicine, was born in Marion county, Ind., Dec. 6, 1867. He was given a good common school education. He learned telegraphy and was a railroad operator for five or six years; then studied medicine under the guidance of his father. He then spent three years in the medical college of Indiana, whence he graduated March 29, 1895, since which time he has practiced his profession in association with his father. He was married June 11, 1894, to Miss Matie Sears. He is a member of the Masonic order; of the Sons of Veterans, and Knights of the Maccabees.

EDWARD WENTZEL, was born in Northumberland county, Pa., Nov. 21, 1830. His parents were Christophal and Leah (Adams) Wentzel. They were natives of Pennsylvania and of German parentage. They had twelve children, all of whom grew to manhood and womanhood. The subject of this sketch remained at home with his parents until 1855, when he was married to Elizabeth Schwartz, a native of Pennsylvania, of German origin. In the spring of 1858 Mr. Wentzel came to Fulton county and settled on his present farm in Union township, where he now owns 340 acres of land. He has been a successful farmer, and has reared a good family. Unto him and his wife the following children have been born: Nathaniel, who married Ida Bitterling, and is now a farmer; Julia Ann, who is the wife of Rev. A. E. Gift; and Jesse, who married Ruth M. Singer, and is now a farmer. Nov. 29, 1864, Mr. Wentzel became a private in company E, Ninth Indiana infantry. He was discharged by reason of the close of the war, Oct. 18, 1865. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He and his sons are republicans in politics. The whole family are members of the Evangelical Lutheran church.

BENJAMIN ODEN WEST.—This gentleman is the representative of the Chicago & Erie railway, and agent for the Wells-Fargo express company, at Rochester, Ind. He is a native of Washington, D. C., born Jan. 9, 1858. He is a son of Benjamin Oden and Helen West, whose maiden name was Williams. The father of Mr. West was born in Maryland and his death occurred in Washington, D. C., in 1858. The mother of our subject with her



daughter (Helen Oden) now resides with her son in Rochester. Mr. West first attended a private school in the city of his nativity, and later was for four years a student at the Maryland agricultural college, where he succeeded in acquiring a good education. In 1881 he entered the employ of what was then the Mutual Union telegraph company of New York city, but which has since been absorbed by the Western Union company. Here Mr. West continued until June, 1882, when he entered the employ of what was then the Chicago & Atlantic railway company, now the Chicago & Erie line, in the capacity of civil engineer and this trust he held until the completion of the line to Chicago. Mr. West came to Rochester March 27, 1883, and since that time he has been the Chicago & Erie's agent at this place. He has been the agent for the Wells-Fargo express company here since 1886. He is a man in whom the companies he represents and the people of his adopted city have implicit faith and confidence. In 1879 he was united in marriage with Miss Jennie Helvin, a native of North Carolina. They have two children, viz.: Irene O. and Charles W. In politics Mr. West is a democrat and cast his first presidential vote for Hancock. He is a member of Fredonia lodge, No. 122, K. of P., and Mrs. West is a member of the Episcopal church. They are among the highly respected citizens of Rochester.

DANIEL WHITTENBERGER is one of Fulton county's most honored pioneers, having for more than sixty years been identified with its interests. He was born in Pennsylvania, April 24, 1825, a son of William Whittenberger, deceased, the first settler of Akron. Daniel was a lad of eleven years when his parents started for the then far west, in company with nine families, who sought homes on the frontier. They traveled from the 1st of June until the 4th of July, when they pitched their tent on the present site of Akron, about where the town pump now stands. During the last ten miles of their trip they had to cut their way through the forest. The father entered a quarter section of timber land, two miles southwest of the village, and there made his home for forty-two years, when in 1878 his life labors were ended and he was called to the home beyond. Daniel Whittenberger spent his minority with his parents and acquired sufficient education to enable him to teach a district school, so that for several years he was the "master" in a little log school house, located on the farm now belonging to Reuben Whittenberger. Going to Warren county, Ohio, he began learning the carpenter's trade, which he completed in Cincinnati, and on his return he followed that business in Henry township for thirty years, erecting all of the more substantial buildings in Akron in that early day. Success attended his efforts and on his marriage he bought a small tract of land adjoining Akron and began farming. To-day he is the owner of 557 acres of rich land near the town, besides other valuable property, which has been secured entirely through his own labors, guided by sound judgment. Mr. Whittenberger was married Feb.







DANIEL WHITTENBERGER.



2, 1850, to Fannie McCloud. Her father, George McCloud, was born in Ontario county, New York, Dec. 18, 1801, and wedded Polly Lowe, by whom he had four children—Mrs. Jacob Whittenberger; George, who died of cholera on the plains; Sarah, deceased wife of Dr. S. S. Terry; and Mrs. Daniel Whittenberger. Our subject and his wife have three children—Charles A., born in 1850, married Nancy Gatrel, and has a son, Merrill; Allison S., born in 1853, and now a farmer of Kosciusko county, married Annie Slaybaugh, and their children are Theodosia, John O. and Asy, aged respectively seventeen, twelve and two years; Laura B. is the wife of Charles Vickery, a farmer of Kosciusko county, and has two sons, Walter and Earl. Mr. Whittenberger is a staunch republican in politics and as a citizen seeks to advance the interests of good government and to promote the welfare of his resident community. He and his wife are highly esteemed for their genuine worth and their long residence in the county thoroughly entitles them to personal mention in this volume.

REV. JACOB WHITTENBERGER.—A long and honored identification with the history of Fulton county has connected the name of our subject inseparably with its history. He has been prominent in business life and has been an earnest laborer in those interests calculated to advance the general welfare and over the record of his long residence here there falls no shadow of wrong. Mr. Whittenberger was born in Beaver county, Pa., April 5, 1819. His grandfather, also named Jacob, was of German lineage, and was born in eastern Pennsylvania, in 1859. Having aided the colonies in their struggle for independence, he was married in southeastern Pennsylvania to Catherine Engle, and in 1803 removed to Beaver county. He had eighteen children by two marriages. William Whittenberger, the father of our subject, being the ninth. The latter was born in Bedford county, Pa., March 28, 1795, and was married in Beaver county, Sept. 12, 1816, to Joanna, daughter of Joseph and Lucretia (Johnson) Sippy. Her father was born in France, in 1754, and with Gen. LaFayette's forces aided in the establishment of the American republic. In 1831 William Whittenberger removed with his family to Medina county, Ohio, and five years later came to Fulton county. His children were William, Jacob, Joseph, Daniel, Stephen and Thomas, in Fulton county; John of LaCrosse, Kan.; Abraham, of Kosciusko county; Isaac, of South Whitley, Ind.; Hiram, of Whitley county; and Mrs. Dr. Harter, of Akron. At the age of seventeen Jacob Whittenberger began an apprenticeship to a cabinet maker in Cleveland, Ohio, and later worked as a mechanic in Muskingum county, Ohio, until 1840, when on June 31 he wedded Mary Supinger, who was born in Virginia, in 1820. Fifteen days later they started by wagon for Fulton county, reaching Akron on Aug. 6. Mr. Whittenberger bought a small tract of land and erected a cabin,



where a few years later he built his present residence, the only Indiana home he has ever known. From 1855 until 1870 he was a prosperous merchant of Akron, and since has been successfully engaged in farming. Mrs. Whittenberger died Nov. 27, 1855, and her six children are all now deceased. On April 10, 1856, Mr. Whittenberger married Mrs. Mary Shelt, and they have two daughters—Ella A., wife of L. M. Noyer, of Akron, and Ina M., wife of George K. Brundige, county recorder. For twenty-three years the father has been an Odd Fellow, and has several times been a representative in the grand lodge. For many years he served as justice of the peace, was postmaster of Akron for eight years, and for a number of years was township trustee, discharging all his public duties with marked fidelity and promptness. In politics he is a stalwart republican. He united with the Methodist church in 1837, was ordained a deacon in 1866, served as secretary of the quarterly conference for twenty-five years, and for thirty-five years has been actively engaged in the work of ministry.

JAMES S. WILDER, who for the past twenty-five years has been a successful farmer of this county, was born in Monroe county, Mich., Oct. 21, 1846. He was educated sparingly in the country schools of his county, and before reaching the age to begin civil pursuits independent of parental sanction, he allowed his patriotism to draw him into the struggle of the United States to put down the southern rebellion. He enlisted at Toledo, Ohio, in company F, Fourteenth Ohio volunteer infantry, before he was eighteen years old. He was mustered in at Cleveland and was sent to Chattanooga, through Nashville and on to Ringgold, Ga., where he was doing guard duty until he was taken down with the measles. He was not able for duty again for some weeks. When he became convalescent he returned to Nashville and was furloughed home. He returned to the field in twenty-eight days and at Nashville was attached to the First Tennessee light artillery for a short time and later to the Forty-fifth New York. He was assigned to a detachment of the Fourteenth corps at Chattanooga and participated with it in annihilating Hood's army at Nashville. The second day he was ordered to report at Gen. Steadman's headquarters and for the following two weeks acted as an escort to that officer. He left this service at Chattanooga and took boat at Nashville for Parkersburg on the way to Washington, D. C. He was ordered south and went by boat from Alexandria, Va., to North Carolina, and joined his regiment near Goldsboro. When Johnston had surrendered all were joined to Sherman's army and set out for Washington to participate in the grand review. The war being over, Mr. Wilder was mustered out of the service at Louisville, Ky. On his return home he was occupied on the farm one or two seasons, and then secured work in a saw-mill. Two years later he came to Indiana and to Rochester, and



learned the baker's trade with an uncle, J. W. Wilder. He followed this two years and then began his career as a farmer in this county. He owns a farm of 100 acres near Rochester, besides two smaller tracts near town. He has just completed a cozy and handsome residence in Rochester. Mr. Wilder was married Feb. 14, 1871, to Hester A. Mackey, a sister of H. C. Mackey, of Rochester. Their children are: Frank, born August, 1872, and Mary, born May 21, 1881. Mr. Wilder is a republican in politics, a successful man in business, and an exemplary citizen.

JAMES H. WILSON, a representative farmer and business man, was born in Union township, Fulton county, Ind., Oct. 27, 1848. Mr. Wilson is a son of Thomas and Agnes (Wallace) Wilson. His father was born in Glasgow, Scotland, March 23, 1814, and with his parents emigrated to Canada in 1820, later to Oneida county, N. Y., where Thomas learned the weaver's trade. In Oneida county Thomas met and married (1839) Agnes Wallace, whose parents had settled there in 1833. She was born in Renfrewshire, Scotland, April 14, 1815. Our subject's parents came to Fulton county in 1842, settling in Union township, where they lived many years and reared a family of three sons and two daughters, namely, John F., James H., William F., Mary A. and Margaret. James H. was given a good common school education, and he taught several terms of school. He was married to Catherine Killmer, Feb. 13, 1870. She was born in Pennsylvania, Feb. 21, 1850. She died Jan. 8, 1871. Just after his marriage Mr. Wilson began farming as a renter. His wife lived but one year after the marriage. After her death he engaged in the stock business, in which he has since been more or less extensively engaged. In 1876, Feb. 24, he married a second wife, wedding Etta Vankirk, daughter of George Vankirk, Esq., of Aubbeenaubbee township, where Mrs. Wilson was born Oct. 27, 1857. She has borne him three children, viz.: Harry, Belle and Frances. After his marriage, Mr. Wilson again took up farming, which he has since continued. He now owns a good farm of 145 acres, on which he resides just east of Kewanna. In 1890 Mr. Wilson became a stockholder in the Citizens' State bank, of which bank he has been president since 1892. Politically he has always been a staunch republican. In 1887 he was elected trustee for Union township, in which office he served one term.

LOUIS WOHLGEMUTH.—This enterprising and progressive citizen, who has won his own success in social and financial affairs, was born in Prussia some forty-five years ago. Working his way through college, Mr. Wohlgemuth graduated in 1867 from a German gymnasium and the same year embarked for America. He landed in New York city with plenty of courage and zeal and little money. He soon found employment, and after remaining in that city about one year, decided to go west, locating at Cincinnati, where he was engaged at book-keeping and newspaper work for ten years.





He then went to Topeka, Kan., and there engaged in business for himself. Two years later he sold out the business and came to Rochester in 1881, to assume management of the extensive clothing business he still controls. During his stay in Cincinnati Mr. Wohlgenuth was employed for three years by the Block publishing and printing company as a correspondent, writer and translator. He is well informed on many subjects. He has made a special study of the languages and is a linguist of no mean pretensions. On coming to Rochester Mr. Wohlgenuth assumed management of the well known Feder & Silberberg clothing house, and since that time has been the sole manager of this successful business institution, which was established in 1868 by Louis Feder and Max Silberberg. The firm of Feder & Silberberg, through its thrift and industry, soon discovered that, instead of purchasing goods from manufacturers, they could make them and supply their retail stores, which they afterward established at original cost and thus save the profits of middle-men. The firm moved to Cincinnati in 1880, where they began to manufacture goods, opened a wholesale clothing house. Success has followed the business course of this firm, which is now known far and wide. Their Rochester store was placed in the hands of Mr. L. Wohlgenuth in 1881. As manager of this store Mr. Wohlgenuth has given evidence of his superior business ability, energy and enterprise. He holds several important business positions, among which is the secretaryship and general management of the Rochester electric light company, of which he was a promoter. He is treasurer of the Rochester Building and Loan association, and was one of the promoters in the organization of the Rochester Improvement association. He is one of Rochester's most forceful and industrious enterprisers and possesses the happy faculty of giving his surroundings a merry hum whether it be in business or the social circle. In political sentiment he adheres to the democratic party. He has been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows since 1871 and also belongs to the K. of P. order. In 1880 Mr. Wohlgenuth and Miss Ida Holzman were united in marriage. They are among the leading families of Rochester and enjoy the esteem and respect of many friends.

JAMES WRIGHT was born in Jefferson county, Ohio, Feb. 11, 1832. His advent to the county dates back to the year 1847. He was a youth of fifteen years then and still under parental care. His father, Samuel Wright, was born in the same county. The boy was sent to the primitive subscription school during his childhood, but for only a few months in the year for a few years. Samuel Wright was a poor man, emigrating to a new country to get a cheap home, so that he might rear his family under his own roof, though it be that of a cabin. He settled near Tiosa and at once began the task of clearing for the first crop. His sons were brought into service in this work and James was found doing his share. Samuel Wright





*J. Zimmerman*



died in 1873, aged sixty-nine years. He was descended from the Wrights of Virginia, Jacob Wright, his father, being a son of the Old Dominion state. The mother of our subject was Ruth Lowry. Her children are: Sarah, wife of Christian Carter, of Argos; James, Jacob, Samuel, John and Esther, wife of Samuel Reed, all in Fulton county. James Wright was married in this county in 1855 to Elmyra, daughter of Alexander Harmon, who came to the county early from Columbia county, N. Y., and died the next year. The children of this union are: Carrie, wife of Peter Zerby, of Tiosa, and William, trustee of Richland township. He was born Sept. 11, 1858, has been an active business man of Tiosa for the past dozen years and is now manager of the elevator for Mercer & Neal, of Peru, at Tiosa. He married Amanda Swinehart Sept. 24, 1884, and has five children. Delbert is James Wright's third child. He is engaged in the lumber business at Tiosa. Lydia, wife of A. C. Fuser, Mentone, is the fourth child. Then followed Mollie and Mattie, twins. The latter died in 1894. Mr. Wright owns 130 acres near Tiosa, much of which he has been the means of converting from heavy woodland into productive fields. He and his descendants are republicans, and are mentioned when reference is made to the best citizens of the township.

HON. VALENTINE ZIMMERMAN, who has, through his private and public exertions, become favorably known to a large number of people, is a German-American of the very highest and best type. Mr. Zimmerman was born at Ilbenstadt, near Frankfort, Germany, on Aug. 21, 1844. His parents were Peter and Margaret (Weil) Zimmerman. They had eight children, of which Valentine is the youngest. He was given a good German education, and then served an apprenticeship of three years at the shoemaker's trade. At the age of sixteen years he became a journeyman at his trade, and traveled all throughout Europe. In 1865 he came to America, and for a short time resided in New York city, thence came to Rochester. For fifteen years thereafter Mr. Zimmerman was engaged in the shoe business, both as a manufacturer and retail merchant. In 1879 he closed out that form of business and engaged in the furniture business, in which he has been very successful. He carries a large stock of furniture and agricultural implements. In connection with the business he does undertaking. In 1866, soon after coming to Rochester, Mr. Zimmerman married Martha Newhart, who was then residing in Fulton county, but was a native of New York and of German parentage. Unto the marriage have been born the following children: Martha, the wife of D. D. Ginther, of Rochester; Ida, deceased; Valentine; Minnie and Leo. Some thirty years ago Mr. Zimmerman began his career in America with limited means, but he was a skilled mechanic and worked patiently and intelligently at his trade until, by his industry, wise economy and strict adherence to correct business principles and methods, he has



won from reluctant fortune considerable wealth. It may be said of him with perfect truth that he is pre-eminently a self-made man. His business sagacity and ready ability in applying means to ends have made him a prominent figure in the business circles of Rochester. In politics he has always been a staunch democrat. He was elected state senator for the district of Fulton and Marshall counties in the fall of 1884. His public career as state senator during the sessions of 1885 and 1887 is a part of the state's history. His course in the Indiana state senate indicates that his sympathies are with the laboring classes, from which he himself has sprung. He introduced several bills in behalf of the laborers of all classes, but space cannot be afforded in this connection to describe them. Senator Zimmerman has always been a staunch friend of education. In the legislative session of 1887, he introduced a resolution calling public attention to the large and increasing demand for school text books, and that school book trusts so manipulated the supplying of the same to the parents of school children that exorbitant prices had to be paid for the books. Thereby many poor children were practically debarred from school advantages because of the inability of their parents to supply them books. Then followed the enactment of a bill introduced by Mr. Zimmerman which provided for the publishing and distributing of text books for the common schools at cost by the state. He has twice been honored by the nomination for congress by his political party. In each candidacy for congress his party met with reverse tidal waves, which submerged the hopes of his thousands of friends. But every public trust confided to him from town councilman to state senator has been faithfully and honorably discharged and whether on the tidal wave of popular preferment or caught in the periodical storm of adversity, Mr Zimmerman has clung tenaciously to his honest convictions and continues a close student of vital questions of public concern.

EDWARD ZOOK, a leading tinner and plumber of Rochester, was born in Wayne county, Ind., June 5, 1848. His father, John Zook, a tinner by trade, was born in Pennsylvania, came to the Hoosier state in the days of Indian trading and trapping. He was engaged in the stove and tinware business in Hagerstown, Wayne county, for a time, but in later life settled on a farm in Wayne township, Fulton county, where he died in 1880. John Zook, our subject's grandfather, was born in Europe. His young and vigorous manhood was passed in Pennsylvania. Edward Zook's mother was Mary Mogle, whose father, Solomon Mogle, was a Pennsylvania German and farmer. Edward is the third of four children. The first, Harry Zook, was last known of in Kansas, some eighteen years ago. The other living ones are: William, residing at Fulton, Ind., and Emma, wife of Joseph Studebaker. Edward Zook was given only a meager education, from the country schools. He began the battles of life at the age of fourteen years, as a farm hand. In 1865





he tired of this life that promised nothing but endless toil and secured a situation with Johnson & Bro. at Logansport to learn his trade. With the exception of one year spent in Camden, Ind., he remained in Logansport till 1872, when he came to Rochester. His only capital was his industry and perseverance. For ten years he was employed continuously by one firm of Rochester, and was then elected to the office of town marshal, in which office he served one year. He then opened a small tin-shop in the rear of Weil & Peterson's hardware store. In 1892 he moved into his present store-room, where he has successfully continued in business. Mr. Zook was married while in Camden, Ind., in January, 1873, to Louisa, a daughter of W. D. Eidson, a miller of Wabash, Ind. The only child of this marriage is Venina, wife of John W. McMahan, of Rochester, whose only child is Edwin L., aged eighteen months. Mr. Zook owns a nice home on Main street; is chief of the fire department; is an Odd Fellow, Mason, and K. O. T. M. He is a republican and is now county coroner, elected with no effort on his part and by a large majority.

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